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A Memorial of Families that have resided in Town.

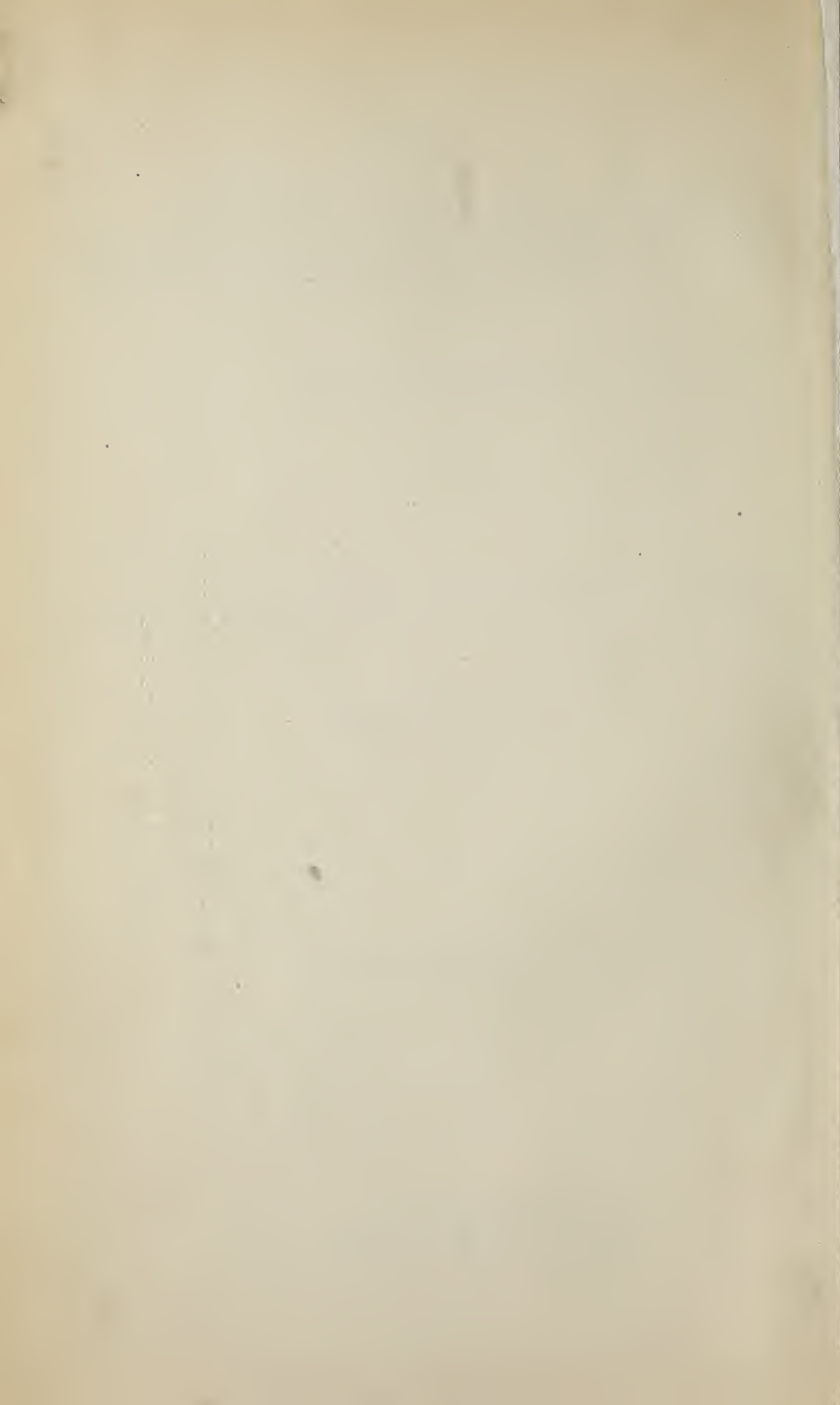
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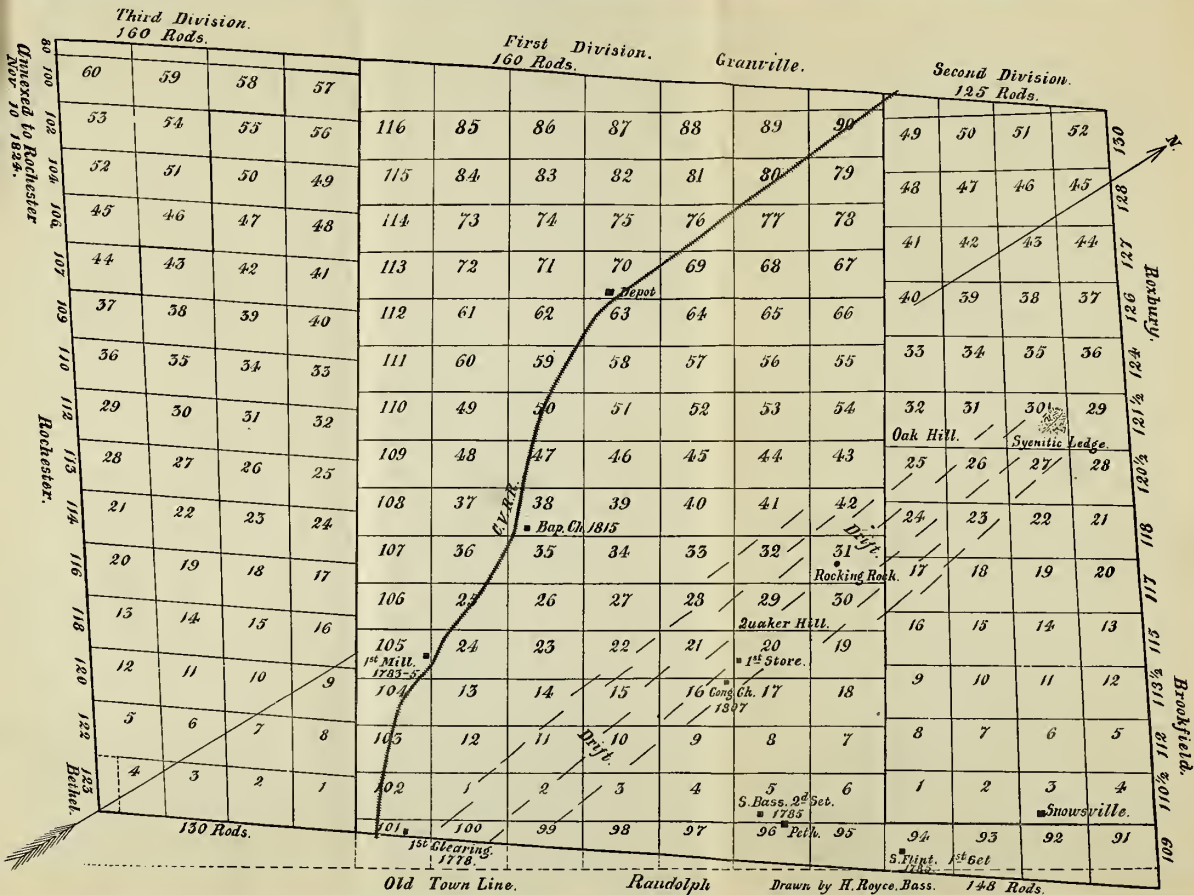
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“Of a people, whose heroic aims  
Soared far above the little selfish sphere  
Of doubting modern life.”—THOMPSON.

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# PREFACE.

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The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Braintree, in 1881, excited a degree of interest in its history which gave the thought of securing the same in permanent form. The town voted March 7, 1882, "That a committee of three be appointed to edit and secure the publication of a history of the town."

Victor I. Spear, H. Royce Bass, and William C. Holman were appointed such committee.

This volume is the result.

Its limits exceed somewhat the plan first proposed. But research multiplied facts, volunteers contributed thereto, and friends of the enterprise urged that time and space be taken to make a work creditable alike to the town and to those having it in charge.

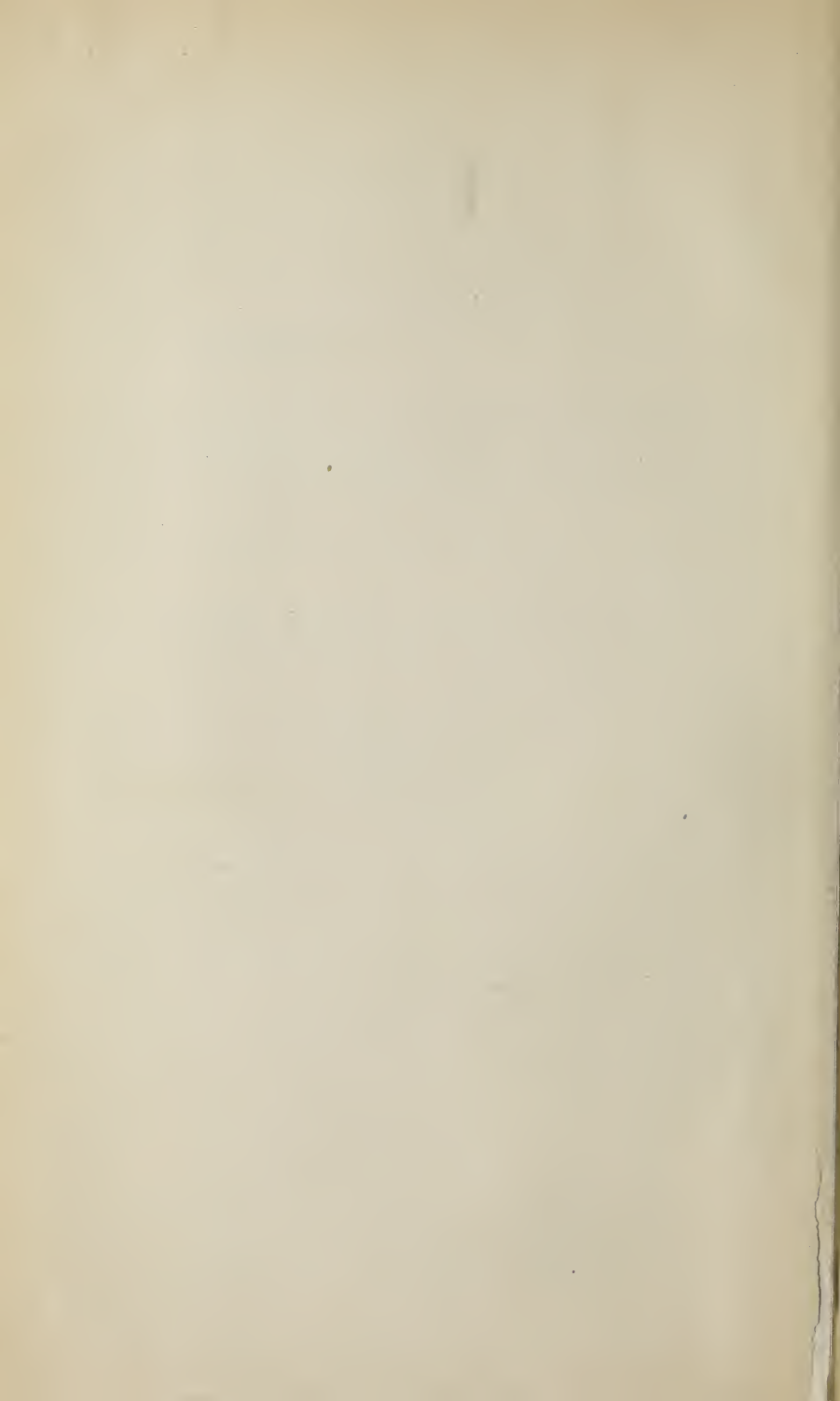
Serious difficulties have been met. Few now living can recall events in the earlier history of the town; records are more or less incomplete; statements concerning the same thing by different persons do not always coincide. *Getting at the facts* has been no small task. Especially is this true of the Memorial, which is in part fragmentary. In "Personal Sketches" will be missed names that deserve a place there.

Accuracy and fullness have been the aim. Any incompleteness is due to the fact that the necessary data have not been, or could not be, obtained.

Hon. Jefferson P. Kidder, Vermillion, Dak.; the late Dr. Samuel W. Thayer, Burlington; Luther S. Goodno, Canton, N. Y.; Rev. Edward P. Wild, Newport; Rev. Andrew J. Copeland, Chelsea; Mrs. Frederick Billings, Woodstock; George W. Pratt, River Falls, Wis., and others have rendered material assistance in the preparation of this volume.

Kindly criticism of it is invited, and the committee would esteem it a favor to be notified of any error.

Braintree, May 22, 1883.





# THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

## PART FIRST.

### I. GEOGRAPHY.

POSITION AND EXTENT.—The town of Braintree is situated in the western extreme of Orange County, forming a projection bounded in part by the counties of Windsor, Addison, and Washington. It is more particularly bounded, north by Roxbury and Brookfield, east by Randolph, south by Rochester, and west by Granville. The center of Braintree is about fifteen miles nearly due south from the geographical center of Vermont, about twenty-five miles from Montpelier, the capital, and about twenty miles east of the ridge, or principal range, of the Green Mountains.

By the terms of its charter, Braintree is about six and one-half miles long by about five and one-half miles wide. But according to measurements indicated on the plan of the town, its length is seven miles and its width, 5.36 miles, making its area originally 37.52 square miles. By act of the legislature, Nov. 10, 1824, ten lots and four gores in the southwest corner of the town, about two square miles in area, were annexed to Rochester, leaving the present area of Braintree about 35.5 square miles.

SURFACE AND STREAMS.—The valley of the third branch of White River, known as the "Branch," through which runs the Central Vermont railroad, divides Braintree into two principal divisions. That part south and west of the branch is rough, rocky, with many bold and precipitous peaks, much of it being incapable of tillage. All settlements are confined to the eastern half. Riford's brook, named for Joseph Riford who first settled near it, and Thayer's brook, similarly named for Joel B. and Zeba Thayer, both tributaries of the branch, are its largest streams. The branch flows southeasterly through the whole width of the town. The part north and east of the branch is nearly equally divided by the high ridge, commonly called Braintree hill, extending north and south through the town, just east of its center. Spurs jut out eastward and southward from it, diversifying the surface. The chief points in this ridge are Nevens' hill, named for Alfred Nevens who early settled at its foot; Belcher hill, similarly named for Samuel Belcher; Oak hill, so called from the oaks growing upon it; Quaker hill, named by Ebenezer Waters while surveying the town, who with his assistants dined one day at the corner near Braintree hill meeting house. Waters, it is said, jocosely remarked: "We will sit down here and eat dinner with our hats on and call it 'Quaker' hill." Its highest point is also called Alban's hill, for William Alban who lived there

many years. The largest streams are Ayer's brook, through Snowsville, and Spear's brook, its tributary. According to tradition, Ayer's brook received its name from one Ayer who deserted the English and became a guide to their enemies during the French and Indian war. He was caught and hanged on this stream about 1755. The method of hanging is said to have been by adjusting the "halter" to the top of a sapling bent to the ground and swinging the victim with a sudden jerk into the air. Spear's brook was first called Bass's brook, for Dea. Samuel Bass who first settled on it; then Mill brook from the numerous mills for which it has furnished water-power; and Spear's brook, for Nathaniel Spear who settled and for many years resided and owned mills on it. It is the outlet of Mud pond, which is some five or six acres in area, and the only natural pond in Braintree. It is peculiar in having great depth and in being filled with a light mud, which, when water is abundant, is overflowed and in a dry time can be walked on in some places.

**VILLAGES.**—The position of Braintree is not favorable to the growth of large villages within it, though the railroad might contribute thereto but for two or three large, thriving business places near by or not far away, like West Randolph and Northfield. West Braintree is a railroad station on the branch, has a postoffice, a hotel, two groceries, and a lumber mill doing quite an extensive business. The station and postoffice at West Randolph is nearer or more convenient to many inhabitants of Braintree, who therefore patronize that place. Hutchinson's village, named for John Hutchinson, its first resident, now known as "Peth," is situated on Spear's brook. Here were formerly the Braintree postoffice, a church, a dry goods store, and oil, clover, and saw mills. In 1840 all business except that of the mills was transferred to East Braintree, or Snow's village, now Snowsville, named for Jeremiah Snow, an old settler. It seemed quite probable that the road up Ayer's brook through Snowsville would be one of the main thoroughfares between Boston and Burlington; that Snowsville, aided by its favorable site and abundant waterpower, would thereby get a large business and population. The promise of this met with no disappointment till that business magnet, the railroad, pushed its way up the branch, and drew all business into its line. But for this Snowsville might possibly have been in point of importance what West Randolph now is. It has a postoffice, which accommodates the northeast part of Braintree and a considerable part of Brookfield, a church, a hotel, a store, a carriage and one or two harness shops.

**VIEWS.**—Few localities afford a view of so many points of interest as the hill tops of Braintree. From the top of Quaker hill can be seen, to the east Mt. Washington and other principal peaks of the White and Monadnock Mountains in New Hampshire, fifty to sixty miles distant; to the south, Mt. Ascutney in Windsor, forty miles away; to the southwest, Killington and Shrewsbury peaks of the Green Mountain range; to the west, a section of that range; and in various directions, numerous less elevated prominences within a radius of twenty or thirty miles. Here the feathery tops of green hills seem to meet the sky the whole circumference around, the nearer being outlined against the more remote, the whole forming a picture which far exceeds many that have engaged the artist's pencil. Oak hill commands a

view no less extensive and interesting. Nearly half of the town of Randolph, including the Center village, and parts of the towns of Brookfield, Tunbridge and Bethel, embracing a broad, beautiful landscape view ten miles in extent, checkered with forest and field and dotted with farm-houses, are seen from the belfry of the Braintree hill meeting house. Mt. Cushman, a higher point in the south east corner of the town, lying partly in Rochester, and upon which a conservatory has been erected, affords a wide view, taking in with a glass several villages and Lake Champlain.

POPULATION.—The population of Braintree in 1791 was 221; in 1800, 531; in 1810, 850; in 1820, 1033; in 1830, 1209; in 1840, 1232; in 1850, 1228; in 1860, 1225; in 1870, 1066; in 1880, 1051.

CURIOSITIES.—A little north of Quaker hill is a rocking rock, "having a circumference of forty-nine feet, being  $14\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length, ten feet wide and 7 feet high." It will weigh perhaps fifty tons or more. Its poise was once so perfect that one could rock it with his hand, but it now requires a lever.

On Quaker hill, also, beside the road near the school house, stand two beech trees about a foot in diameter and four feet apart. About ten feet from the ground they are joined by a limb, some three inches in diameter, growing from the one to the other.

In 1858, John S. Nichols, while plowing on his farm, upturned four teeth, two double and two front, being more than four inches in length and one in width. They belonged of course to some mammoth animal, but whether to an extinct or living species is not known.

## II. GEOLOGY.

ROCKS.—Three different rock strata out-crop within the limits of Braintree, but one of them underlies only a very small portion of it. They are all schistose, or cleavable. East of Ayer's brook, in the north-east corner of the town, the underlying, or parent, rock is calciferous mica-schist. The constituents of this rock are clay, mica (often in abundant scales), and calcite, or carbonate of lime, and rapid disintegration is characteristic of it. This stratum underlies a large portion of eastern Vermont. In this section is also a sprinkling of mispickel, or arsenical iron, whose composition is arsenic, sulphur, and iron; its color, that of silver or tin. Between Ayer's brook and Braintree hill is clay-slate, or shale, which consists of clay, iron, and lime. Talcose-schist is the prevailing rock in the remaining portion of the town. Real talcose-schist contains from 32 per cent. to 33 per cent. of magnesia, whereas this rock generally has only 2 per cent. or less. Talcose-schist differs from clay-slate in having magnesia instead of iron and lime; but the so-called talcose rock in Braintree contains in place of the required per cent. of magnesia to make it talcose, about seventy per cent. of silica, the principal, sometimes the only, ingredient of quartz. There are, however, beds of impure steatite, or talc, commonly known as soapstone, on the farms of Edwin F. Thresher and William C. Holman, which substance in its pure state is almost pure magnesia. Notwithstanding the non-talcose character of this rock, geologists prefer to retain its old name, talcose-schist, since the rock resem-



bles talcose-schist in all points except that named above. It strongly resists disintegration, more so than clay-slate, for which reason the surface of Braintree, the western half especially, is more rocky and rough than is generally the case with towns to the east of it, where calciferous mica-schist prevails. Numerous white quartz rocks, and boulders showing, many of them, a high degree of metamorphism, are spread over this section and not a few are dark and solid, or trappean, in character. About a mile north of Mud pond, at the foot of Oak hill, is a ledge of syenitic rock. Syenite, like granite, contains quartz and feldspar, but has hornblende, a black mineral, instead of mica. It is therefore granitic in character, though darker than true granite. Some quarrying was done in this ledge many years ago and the yield was a fair quality of building stone. Not being easily accessible it is of little value. The foundation of the Braintree hill meeting house was obtained there. Syenitic boulders, many of five to ten tons weight, are thickly spread southward from this ledge over Quaker hill to Randolph line.

**DRIFT.**—The fact that these syenitic boulders are totally unlike the parent rocks (clay-slate and talcose-schist) over which they lie and that they are wholly confined to a width of about half a mile, makes almost necessary the inference that they were carried from some place to their present position. They must have been drifted thither by glaciers, for which reason they are called "Drift." Striæ found on rocks within the drift area support this hypothesis. The boulders have the same composition as the syenitic ledge and are spread only southward from it, which is evidence that they had their birthplace there. The rocking-rock also owes its position, probably, to the drift and came from the same place. It is a mica-schist and belongs to the syenitic family, from which it differs in having an abundance of mica. "It is highly metamorphosed, with sprinklings of garnet and numerous veins of quartz passing through it."—Geol. of Vt.

**MINERALS.**—Gold has been found in the sand, gravel, and other flood-wash of the branch and its tributaries, but in quantities too minute to pay investment. Iron ore, from a slaty ledge with quartz veins on Quaker hill, has been analyzed and found to contain a paying per cent. of excellent iron. How large the deposit is, has never been ascertained. It certainly has considerable extent for it completely outwits the compass needle in several places.

**SOIL.**—The soil in different parts of Braintree does not differ radically, yet it changes with the change of rock strata. Since calciferous mica-schist and clay-slate contain considerable quantities of lime and decompose more readily than talcose schist, which is nearly destitute of lime, that part of the town east of Braintree hill naturally has a deeper, richer soil than the part west. Both soils are well supplied with iron. That in the western part contains a large per cent. of silica which is the principal stalk producing element in the growth of cereals. Such soil only requires lime and potash, or soda, to be capable of yielding a profitable return in that branch of husbandry. Braintree is not likely to excel in grain products, for its rockiness adds to the cost of cultivation and much of its soil is moist and favorable for grass, ren-

dering capital in stock-raising the surer investment. Land now tilled to some extent, was in the early history of the town too moist for anything but pasturage. Long tillage has greatly reduced the resources of virgin soil in some places; yet there are many good farms—farms that will be productive when the much-boasted soil of the prairies has been exhausted.

### III. HISTORY.

BEFORE THE CHARTER.—One of the first steps toward securing a charter was to present to the legislature a petition specifying the grant desired and signed by a certain number (probably) of responsible persons. We cannot recount, for we do not know, all the influences and circumstances which combined in the formation and settlement of Braintree, especially prior to its charter existence. The chief motive to the enterprise was money-getting; the fever of speculation prevailed then as now. This is shown by the fact that the proprietors of Roxbury and Northfield petitioned also for the grant of Braintree, but were denied. They even engaged Reuben Spaulding of Roxbury, in 1788, to fell a few acres of forest, thereby to establish a prior right or claim to such grant, and Spaulding did make a small clearing on what has since been known as the "Josiah Tilson" farm, which Edward Maun now occupies. It is also shown by the fact that only a few of the Braintree proprietors ever resided in the town and nearly all of these speculated more or less largely in land. There were, then, two sets of petitioners, for the grant of Braintree. It is not difficult to conjecture the influences brought to bear by both parties upon the legislature of Vermont in behalf of their respective interests; though on the other hand it is possible that neither party knew anything of what the other had done. The principle of "fair play" is quite visible in the action of the legislature in favoring the petitioners for only one grant and denying those who petitioned for three. It is quite likely that both parties petitioned about the same time, 1779, for the three towns were granted during the October session of the following year, Braintree on the 2d of November, 1780, and Roxbury and Northfield four days later. The grant of Braintree did not receive the executive sanction and seal till August 1, 1781, when Gov. Chittenden issued the charter. The original document sent to the proprietors has long since been lost or destroyed, only a copy of it being in the proprietors' records at the town clerk's office. A duplicate of the original charter is on file in the office of the Secretary of State at Montpelier. (For Charter see account of centennial celebration.)

FROM 1781 TO 1783.—The charter constituted the petitioners the sole owners or proprietors of the town of Braintree, to be invested, when legally organized, with all the rights, privileges, and immunities which belong to corporate bodies. On receiving the charter, it would naturally be supposed that immigration and settlement would soon follow, and the terms of that instrument made these necessary on penalty of forfeiture. It is not known that any person even entered the town for three or four years ending in 1783. There were no Indian residents. The war of the Revolution, in progress at this time, probably retarded settlement. Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown Oct.

19, 1782, and a preliminary treaty of peace was signed at Paris Nov. 30, of the same year; but it was not till April 19, 1783, that hostilities were declared at an end, and peace was not guaranteed till the 3d of September following. Till after these events had transpired, not one of the proprietors, it appears, ventured to inspect the new acquisition, nor did they formally deliberate respecting it. It was doubtless the part of wisdom to defer action, as the history of some other towns will show, Randolph, for instance, settled in 1777, suffered repeatedly from Indian depredations, and in October, 1780, several persons were taken captive by a band of Indians that had taken part in the burning of Royalton. At last, however, came the time for action.

### THE PROPRIETORSHIP.

The proprietors, acting as a body, were a proprietary, and "propriatorship" denotes the time in which that body exercised control over town affairs or matters pertaining especially to itself. It practically ceased in 1788, when the town was organized. The number of original proprietors was 65, Thomas Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont, being one. Nearly all resided in Braintree, Suffolk Co., Mass. (including Quincy and Randolph), and Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass. (including Millbury).

FIRST PROPRIETORS' MEETING.—The proprietors first met at Brookline, Mass., and here is a literal copy of the record of their doings:

"August 6 1783

"Then met at Mr. Ebenr Bakers Inholder in Brookline according to an Advertisement In the Publick Prints, in order to Forminto a Body For the Purpose of Sittleing ye Township of Braintree in the State of Vermont Granted by the General Assembly of Sd State in October 1780

"Voted Mr. James Brackett Chairman, then Voted to AdJorn the meeting To Mr. Jonathan Danas at One Oclock the Same Day in Sd Town of Brookline

"Voted Mr David Holbrook to be our Proprietors Clerk

"Voted to Chose a Committee to Lay out the Rights in Said Town

"Voted this Committee Consist of Two

"Voted Mr. Jacob Spear be one of this Committee

"Voted Colo. Jonathan Holman be one of this Committee

"Voted this Committee Should proceed to the Laying out Said Rights

"Voted this Committee Should be allowed Four Shillings and Six pence pr Day for Each of them, they Finding their own horses

"Voted to Raise Eighteen Shillings on Each Singal Right to Defray the Charges that Shall arise on Laying out Sd Town

"Voted Mr. James Brackett Should be Treasurer for the County of Suffolk

"Voted Mr. Jonathan Woodbery be Treasurer for the County of Worcester

"Voted the Treasurers Should be the Collectors

"Voted to AdJorn this meeting to the Last Tuesday in October To meet at Capt. Isaac Joneses Inholder in Westown [Mass.] at One Oclock"



LAYING OUT THE TOWN.—The town was laid out in three divisions; the first division was three and a half miles wide through the center of the town east and west, and a row of lots north of this, on Randolph line, to Brookfield; the second division was the part of the town north, and the third division the part south, of the first division. Each division was subdivided into lots of 100 acres each. A right consisted of an equal share of all the land in town, each proprietor being entitled to a right. This division is according to the last plan of the town as drawn probably by Ebenezer Waters, surveyor. The plan drawn by Jacob Spear and Jonathan Holman, committee for laying out the town, differed from this, probably in several respects; but the points of difference cannot be specified because the old plan was lost quite early. It could not have been more than a mere outline, roughly mapping and locating the different sections or lots, for in a little less than three months after their election, at the adjourned meeting Oct. 29, 1783, Spear and Holman, reported to the proprietors and presented the plan, which was accepted. At the same meeting it was "Voted to Proceed to Drawing of Said Rights as they are prict [pricked] on the plan." During that time they had journeyed by horse-back from Braintree, Mass., to this town and returned. They could not therefore have accomplished a perfect and detailed survey, but probably had made one sufficient in detail to form a plan that might serve as a basis for drawing "said rights." This also appears from the fact that Ebenezer Waters, Barnabas Strong, and Samson Nichols were subsequently employed in the survey, and it was voted, Sept. 16, 1788, "that the lines run and corners made" by them "shall forever remain without any alteration,"

It is more than probable that only the allotments of the first division and a part of the second, or probably only a part of both, were "prict," on the first plan, and that the "Drawing of Said Rights" mentioned above was only the drawing of the first of the three lots belonging to each right. For the proprietors voted Nov. 29, 1785, to choose a committee of three "to see to the Laying out said rights," David Holbrook, Andrew Elliott and Jacob Spear being such committee; also "to Lay out to Each proprietor Two Lots of land in Sd town, to include one Hundred acres Each." It will be noticed that all the lots by the first draught belong to the first or to the second division except two, in which case the right, or lot, drawn might have been changed for another by a vote taken Oct. 29, 1783, viz.: if any "right that shall be Drawn Should not answer for a house Lot in his or their opinion, Shall be allowed to pick on some other Right his Conforming to the plan as it stands Prict out on said Plan."

The numbering of the lots was certainly different on the old plan, for lots number 94, 97, and 98 of the first division were formerly 122, 125, and 126, first division, respectively, as appears by the first deeds given for them. Counting the lots in the order in which they are now numbered, the Brackett mill lot, No. 105, would be by the old method No. 133, by which it was formerly known. Nov. 7, 1784, "Voted to allow Mr. James Brackett the 133 wright through out the Town according to the Drawing said Right Providing he Shall Set up or Build a Saw mill and a grist mill on said right, within the term of one Year from

this Adjournment." It would seem by the above that any right was known by the first lot drawn in that right; Oct. 29, 1783, "Voted that the 40th Right or Lot Should Lie or be for the minister's Right." It is impossible to give any reason for the order of numbering the lots. The east line of lots No. 1, 2, 3, etc., in the first rough survey, may have been taken as the boundary between Randolph and Braintree. The surveyors finding later that it was farther east added another range of lots to the first division, which may account for its running along the east end of the second division to Brookfield. Of course this is mere supposition, there being no data to support it.

ESTABLISHING BOUNDS.—In the earliest surveys a mistake was made in running the line between Randolph and Braintree. The charter of Randolph determines its course to be South  $36^{\circ}$  West, or (since the compass now varies about  $4^{\circ}$ ) S.  $40^{\circ}$  W. It was run S.  $32^{\circ}$  (now  $36^{\circ}$ ) W., an error of  $4^{\circ}$ . The dotted line on the plan shows the first, or old, town line. The lot lines of the first and second divisions running northwardly and southwardly are parallel to the old town line and without doubt were run with reference to it. The error began at the point of intersection of the dotted line and the line between the first and the second divisions. The surveyor-general of Vermont finally ran the line on its true course. The correction added a small gore from Randolph to Braintree and a large one from Braintree to Randolph. The latter stands on Randolph town plan as represented on the plan of Braintree, which is evidence that the allotments of Randolph were made with reference to the old line. The change, which gored the range of lots next to Randolph much to the discomfort of their owners, was made prior to Sept. 19, 1786, when the proprietors voted "that Samuel Herwood Shall have and hold the 93 Lot in the First Division in lue of the land Cut of (by the last Town line) From Three other Lots owned by Sd Herwood he Being obliged to Drop and Quit the 93 lot in case the First Town line Stands;" and that "Mr. Sam'l Spear hold the lot, No. 101, in the First Division if the first old Town line Stands, otherwise to hold the Lot he Draws in the third Draught."

The town of Bethel cuts off about a quarter of lot No. 4, third division, as indicated by the dotted line on the plan. The line between Bethel and Braintree has never been definitely settled. No difficulty appears with any other boundary line, the western by the charter being parallel to the eastern; the northern, parallel to the southern; course N.  $61^{\circ}$  (now  $57^{\circ}$ ) W.

The original form of Braintree was nearly a rectangle. According to figures on the plan the western boundary is 28 rods longer than the eastern; the southern, 83 rods longer than the northern; owing partly if not wholly to difference of surface.

DISPOSAL OF THE RIGHTS.—The whole number of rights, including the five reserved by the charter, was seventy. Counting as lots those made gores by the change of the eastern boundary, the town originally contained 228 lots of 100 acres and 15 gores of varying size. There were then three lots to each right and a remainder of 18 lots and the gores, known as the after division, or undivided land. The proprietors voted Oct. 29, 1783, to proceed to draw the rights. The method of drawing is not known; "probably they were



drawn by lottery as was common in those days." (Samuel A. Bates, Town Clerk, Braintree, Mass.)

The following is a list of the original proprietors with the residence of each, as far as known, and number of each lot drawn to his right. A star (\*) indicates those who became residents of Braintree. In explanation 1-2 means lot No. 1, second division; 30-3, lot No. 30, third division; 90-1, lot No. 90 first division; etc.

Proprietors.	Residence.	1st Draught.	2d Draught.	3d Draught.
1. Thomas Harback,	Sutton, Mass.,	1-2	30-3	37-3
2. Benjamin Mann,	Braintree, Mass.,	90-1	34-3	78-1
3. Isaac Spear,	Braintree, Mass.,	6-1	26-3	109-1
4. Ebenezer Weston,		40-2	3-3	48-3
5. Samuel Wales,		54-1	14-3	30-2
6. William King,	Sutton, Mass.,	8-3	52-3	39-1
7. Peter Putnam,	Sutton, Mass.,	98-1	32-3	38-2
8. Daniel Davis,	Harvard, Mass.,	14-1	12-2	45-1
9. Edward Davis,	Oxford, Mass.,	8-1	44-2	111-1
10. Thomas French,	Braintree, Mass.,	48-1	53-3	40-3
11. William Ward,		102-1	25-3	72-1
12. Elijah Galusha,	Arlington, Vt.,	76-1	4-3	58-1
13. William Emerson,	Arlington, Vt.,	15-1	3-2	68-1
14. Bartholomew Hutchinson,	Sutton, Mass.,	8-2	6-3	113-1
15. Richard Newcomb,		9-2	28-3	64-1
16. Ebenezer Brackett,	Braintree, Mass.,	41-1	60-3	89-1
17. John Elliott,	Sutton, Mass.,	24-1	16-3	47-2
18. Samuel Harwood,*	Sutton, Mass.,	99-1	29-3	35-2
19. John Putnam,	Sutton, Mass.,	97-1	34-2	42-3
20. Andrew Elliott,	Sutton, Mass.,	37-1	48-2	24-2
21. Jonathan Holman,	Sutton, Mass.,	103-1	19-2	44-3
22. Moses Holbrook,	Braintree, Mass.,	57-1	42-2	91-1
23. Nathaniel Spear,*	Braintree, Mass.,	18-1	20-2	87-1
24. Ephraim Mann,	Braintree, Mass.,	5-1	26-2	45-3
25. Joseph Richards,	Stoughton, Mass.,	26-1	2-2	7-3
26. Jonathan Holbrook,	Braintree, Mass.,	80-1	22-3	11-1
27. Daniel Holman,	Sutton, Mass.,	104-1	20-3	86-1
28. Levi Davis,	Charlton, Mass.,	106-1	14-2	45-2
29. John King,*	Sutton, Mass.,	10-1	4-2	1-3
30. Jonathan Woodbury,	Sutton, Mass.,	33-1	15-2	43-1
31. Thomas Hayden,	Braintree, Mass.,	44-1	46-2	1-1
32. Thomas Chittenden,	Williston, Vt.,	22-1	21-3	28-2
33. James Holbrook,	Braintree, Mass.,	29-1	7-2	38-3
34. James Brackett,	Braintree, Mass.,	4-1	17-2	13-1
35. Charles Brackett,*	Braintree, Mass.,	70-1	2-3	69-1
36. Ezra Weld,	Braintree, Mass.,	47-1	39-2	36-3
37. Benjamin Hayden,	Braintree, Mass.,	33-2	35-3	88-1
38. Edward Putnam,	Sutton, Mass.,	96-1	24-3	75-1

Proprietors.	Residence.	1st Draught.	2d Draught.	3d Draught.
39. Benjamin Hayden, jr.,	Braintree, Mass.,	38-1	15-3	2-1
40. Caleb Holbrook,	Braintree, Mass.,	59-1	60-1	61-1
41. Reuben Coats,		108-1	107-1	92-1
42. Isaac Niles,	Braintree, Mass.,	17-1	5-2	12-1
43. Joseph Spear,*	Braintree, Mass.,	50-1	49-1	110-1
44. Willam Brackett,	Braintree, Mass.,	52-1	13-2	79-1
45. Zebe Hayden,	Braintree, Mass.,	34-1	5-3	56-1
46. Samuel Brackett,	Braintree, Mass.,	19-1	23-3	58-3
47. Henry Brackett,*	Braintree, Mass.,	42-1	35-1	29-2
48. Nathaniel Leonard,	Shaftsbury, Vt.,	53-1	32-2	83-1
49. Noah Chittenden,		28-1	13-3	22-2
50. Archelas Putnam,	Sutton, Mass.,	9-1	10-3	63-1
51. Eli Hayden,	Braintree, Mass.,	94-1	18-3	66-1
52. Ebenezer Brackett, jr.,	Braintree, Mass.,	36-1	32-2	89-1
53. Job Brackett,	Braintree, Mass.,	31-1	27-3	77-1
54. Joseph Hulett,	Chester, Vt.,	7-1	23-1	74-1
55. James Brackett, jr.,	Braintree, Mass.,	25-1	17-3	41-2
56. Joseph Allen,	Braintree, Mass.,	16-1	16-2	33-3
57. Ephraim Wales,	Braintree, Mass.,	9-3	12-3	23-2
58. Isaac Spear, jr.,	Braintree, Mass.,	21-1	43-2	51-1
59. Thomas Wales, jr.,		20-1	37-2	112-1
60. Samuel Spear, jr.,*	Braintree, Mass.,	55-1	19-3	71-1
61. Stephen Penniman,	Braintree, Mass.,	3-1	25-2	43-3
62. Samuel Spear,	Braintree, Mass.,	62-1	18-2	41-3
63. Reuben Davis,	Braintree, Mass.,	46-1	31-3	36-2
64. David Holbrook,	Braintree, Mass.,	81-1	10-2	39-3
65. Jacob Spear,*	Braintree, Mass.,	32-1	11-2	67-2
66. School lot,		30-1	54-3	82-1
67. Support of Gospel,		27-1	6-2	21-2
68. Mill Right,		105-1	59-3	27-2
69. Minister Right,		40-1	11-3	47-3
70. College Right (voted Sept. 19, 1786.)		114-1	115-1	116-1

Several rights and lots were disposed of by vote. James Brackett was voted November, 1784, "the 133 wright Through out the Town," which was the mill right, 105-1, formerly 133-1. This was the lot on which he built his mills, and is still known as the "mill lot." It was deeded to him, Sept. 19, 1786, "in consideration of thirty pounds." On the 1st of June, 1801, Brackett sold it to Joseph Riford, of Randolph, Mass., for 150 pounds. It has since remained in the possession of the Riford family. At the same meeting, "voted to give Mr. Kimball one right of land in Sd. Town to Pitch on any right that is not taking up or Pitchd by the Proprietors Providing he Shall tarry in Said Town the term of three years and Build a house on said right." It is not known that he fulfilled these conditions.

Sept. 19, 1786, "Voted that Hiram Bass have for his own right and title the lot No. 95 in the First Division." His was the first birth in Braintree, May 31, 1785, and he lived on this lot till his death, Sept. 25, 1868.

Voted Sept. 16, 1788, "To give Mrs. Silas Flint one hundred acres of the undivided land," she being the first woman to enter Braintree.

Sept. 21, 1790, voted to Samuel Spear gore lot 101-1 in place of the lot he drew by the third draught, being the east part of the Tilson farm, occupied by Edward Mann; to Samuel Harwood gore lot 100-1, to be his share in the undivided land; and to Nehemiah Curtis 100 acres.

Elijah French was elected proprietors' clerk Sept. 19, 1786, and held the office till his death March 7, 1798. To compensate for his services, the proprietors voted him a lot of land Oct. 1, 1795.

HIGHWAYS.—The first mention of highways is in the records of the meeting held at Westown, Mass., Oct. 29, 1783. "Voted that all Publick Roads that shall be Laid out in Twenty years in said Town shall be with out any expense for Land for Roads;" also, "voted to Cut out the Road From the mill to a Road that is now begun and to alow Six Dollars for cuting Sd. Road." The "mill" was probably Brackett's. The "Road that is now begun," was without doubt up the branch, presumably through what was afterwards Henry Brackett's land (now Mrs. George Hutchinson's) and Maj. Ford's (Joseph M. Tilson's), or even farther in that direction, and the road "from the mill" was an extension of the "Road that is now begun." Certain it is, the "Branch" road, was the first one cut and laid out in Braintree, but it was done a part at a time, several years elapsing before there was a continuous track from Randolph to Kingston (Granville) line. We say "track," for "roads" were merely tracks or "bridle paths" at that time, and sometimes were so indistinct that it was necessary to blaze trees by the wayside to guide the traveler. Traveling was done on foot or horseback. After some years the paths were widened to admit the use of vehicles. These of course were of the rudest kind, ox-sleds and ox-carts. Rufus Hutchinson claims to be the first to own and use a wagon (or buggy) in Braintree, having brought it from Sutton, Mass., in 1811, the year he was eighteen, and Dea. Zion Copeland, it is said, owned the second. Improvement in the means of public travel was very slow.

In all probability, Jacob Spear was the first to cut and lay out roads in Braintree. There is no evidence that any other Spear came to Braintree before 1785 and for some time later. Moreover, the proprietors voted Nov., 1784, "to alow Mr. Spear 2s. 6d. for Each Singal wright for cutting out Roads in to the Town." Roads were laid out at the discretion of agents appointed for that purpose, because November, 1784, "Voted to Chose a Committee to Lay out and Cut Roads through the Town where it shall be thought Nessessary for the benefit of the Town." Jacob Spear and Jonathan Holman were that committee. Repairs were soon required and Nov. 29, 1785, voted "to alow five shillings pr. day for what work was Done in the year past in clearing and mending Roads in sd. Town." David Holbrook, Andrew Elliott, and Jacob Spear were made a committee, "impowered totake care of Said Roads and Do what they think is Nessessary on Sd Roads in Said Town," and 8s 3d per right was assessed to pay for "work already Done in mending Roads."

The proprietors held their first meeting in Braintree on the 19th of Sept. 1786, and elected Samuel Spear and Samson Nichols highway surveyors.

They raised 4s. per right to repair and cut roads, one-half to be "layd out for the road on the Branch, the other half to be layd out for the Road Leeding over Quaker hill (so-called)," a man to have 4s. per day. The Quaker hill road was the second highway laid out in Braintree. It began at a log house near Brackett's mill (nearly in front of Ira Ford's), passed obliquely up and over the hill to the northeast, past John R. Williams's and Alfred Webster's, to the south-east corner of lot 16-1 (Frederick Whitney's).

Sept. 18, 1787, Samuel Bass, Stephen Fuller and Dn. Isaac Nichols were chosen "to lay out roads," "to give Directions To the Surveyors where and when they Shall work at the roads and likewise to give each Surveyor a list of his mens names to Do the work." Elijah Spear and Ebenezer White were the snrveyors. The committee had the duties of selectmen.

The proprietors proceeded in this manner with the work on highways till the organization of the town, April 7, 1788. After that a part of the responsibility devolved upon the selectmen, and soon all of it, as will be seen by the records of a meeting held Sept. 16, 1788. Samuel Bass and Matthew Pratt were elected highway surveyors. Voted that "the surveyors be the judges where and when to work only to work on the road laid out by the Selectmen." The first bridge was built during that year or before, because at the same meeting a vote was taken to "Except the last year on the Bridge over the Branch near Mr. Saml. (now George L.) Spear's." The last business of any public interest transacted by the proprietors was the vote, Sept. 18, 1792, "to raise eight shillings on each Singal Right to be laid out on a road yet to be laid out leeding from Capt. Jacob Spear's lot No. 38, first division (Maj. Ford's place) to strike a road now leeding from Isaac Nichols Esqr's., land [Alban's hill] to Isaac Nichols Jn'rs land (Allen H. Flint's)." Jacob Spear was entrusted with this work.

It is impossible to name all the highways that were laid out by the proprietors. There is certainty of only two, the branch and the Quaker hill roads. Probably there were others, because settlements were made in the eastern even earlier than in the western part of the town. The chief interest, however, centered in these two, which formed at this time the only highway districts in Braintree. All highways were subsequently surveyed and laid out by the selectmen and were not legally established until then. All proprietors' meetings held after the last date (1792) were for the transaction of business relating mainly to undivided lands, and were not of general interest. There is evidence from the record of some of them that considerable sharp maneuvering was practiced, but there is no warrant from them for drawing further conclusions. Isaac Nichols, Jr., was proprietors' clerk from 1800 to 1805 and Rev. Ammi Nichols from 1831 to 1834, when the records cease. No meetings were held from 1806 to 1831.

#### EARLY SETTLEMENTS.

It is impossible to tell the exact time when each of the early settlers became residents of Braintree, but the date of the purchase of their farms is generally correct within about a year.

In February, 1785, Silas Flint made the first settlement on lot 94-1, where Azro L. Adams lives. He bought the north half of it, July 7, 1786, for ten pounds, and the south half ten years later for seventy pounds.



Dea. Samuel Bass bought the right of Ephraim Mann, Nov. 6, 1783, for thirty pounds silver, and settled on lot 5-1 of that right, now owned by Apollas Sharpe, in the latter part of May, 1785, being the second settler.

Nathaniel Hutchinson occupied, the same year, lot 8-2, which he bought May 6, 1786, now owned by William Bass.

June 26, 1790, Ebenezer White bought lot 16-1, owned by Wm. H. Nichols and Elhanan A. Fitts, but he became a resident three or four years previous.

Benjamin Vesey bought lot 70-1, near the depot, Sept. 20, 1786.

Edward Bass became owner of 22-1, Pratt farm, June 18, 1788.

Lot 28-1, now owned by Dea. John S. Nichols, was sold to Samson Nichols, March 27, 1786.

For nine pounds, Stephen Fuller bought 76-1, now the farms of Samuel R. Batchellor and Theodore B. Kendall, Feb. 10, 1782, and settled on it about 1787.

David Smith bought 7-1, Edward Smith's farm, Nov. 19, 1785.

Sept. 25, 1786, Dea. Isaac Nichols purchased 29-1, Alban's hill lot, and moved his family there October, 1787.

Jacob Spear bought 38-1, known as Major Ford place, Oct. 8, 1788.

Lot 53-1, Allen H. Flint's farm, eastern half was sold to Isaac Nichols, Jr. June 24, 1790, and 56-1, the western half, Aug. 29, 1798.

For 53½ "Spanish Milled Dollars," lot 98-1 was sold to Samuel Harwood, May 31, 1785, and by him to Zion Copeland, April 19, 1794; now owned by John Finn. Harwood bought 9-1, April 8, 1786, and lived on it.

John Hutchinson became owner of 96-1, now owned by James P. Cleveland, Jr., Jan. 10, 1793, and occupied it that year.

Rufus Flint bought 10-2, where his son Rufus lives, Oct. 8, 1792.

April 9, 1787, John Gooch bought 23-1, the lot next south of the Jeff. Pratt farm.

Daniel Waite bought 6-1, owned by Heman A. Powers, July 22, 1791.

Nathaniel Spear drew 18-1 in his right, and settled on it in 1790; Daniel V. Page present owner.

Job Mann bought 14-2, where Ira Mann lives, Nov. 2, 1793.

Oct. 30, 1892, 8-1, where Charles E. Woodward lives, was sold to Seth Mann for thirty-two pounds sixteen shillings.

Lot 41-2, owned by William C. Holman, was sold to William Veasey, Feb. 1, 1794.

The "Berry" lot, 31-1, was bought by Caleb Nichols, Nov. 2, 1799; by Samuel Weld, April 3, 1804.

Joseph Riford, Jr., bought 106-1, lately Samuel Riford's, Oct. 24, 1801.

Henry Brackett bought 35-1, Mrs. George Hutchinson's, April 8, 1789; he settled in Braintree in 1785.

June 29, 1790, lot 16-2, now Sylvander Partridge's, was sold to Reuben Partridge.

Lot 52-1 was sold to Seth Hunt, Jan. 30, 1799, and Hope Bradley bought 45-1, both owned by Albert Fitts, Aug. 8, 1786.

June 17, 1786, the "Kidder" lot, 10-1, was sold to Jonathan King; Aug. 8, 1791, to Mary Kidder of Sutton, Mass.; Jan. 30, 1800, to John Kidder.

Bartholomew Hutchinson bought 4-2, now Geo. W. Flagg's, Aug. 25, 1789; Daniel Waite bought part of it Jan. 30, 1797.

One-half of 17-1, in part the Congregational parsonage, was sold to Micah, father of Ebenezer White, Oct. 9, 1787. Elijah French, his son-in-law, lived on it.

Lot 92-1 was sold to Josiah Bagley, May 7, 1793; now of Martin B. Gooch's estate.

Phineas Flint bought part of 43-1, lately Joseph Flint's, July 22, 1801.

Jan. 1, 1790, Jehiel Parmly bought 102-1, where Edward Maun lives.

April 9, 1792, lot 21-1, now Henry Bass's, was sold to Samuel Bass of Braintree, Mass.

James Murry, with his wife, Jane Ramsey, both from Connecticut, settled on lot 28-3 about 1800. Harvey Martin now lives there.

About the same time Samuel Wells settled on 27-3. Elihu Ellis lived there in 1824. About 1830 Asa Howe built a saw mill on the lot.

Stephen Riford settled on 18-3 in 1819. He sold it to Stephen Mann in 1832; Peter Tredo present owner.

No. 6-3 was settled in 1821 by Abraham Sargent of Chester, N. H. The same year Zebediah Robinson from Concord, N. H., located on half of the same lot. His wife, Huldah, recently died in Bethel at the age of about 104 years.

About 1819 No. 15-3 was settled by Enoch Pratt. Charles Burridge now lives on it.

Wyman Neff settled on No. 7-3 in 1829.

Edward Elsworth settled about 1818 on No. 31-3. About 1826 Felix Brown of Sutton, Mass., located on the same lot, but returned to Sutton in 1832, when A. P. Harbach bought it and lived there till 1873.

In the spring of 1824 Henry B. Harbach settled on No. 30-3.

Soon after 1827 Abraham A. Sargent erected the first saw mill that was built on Thayer's Brook.

## THE TOWN.

A NEW ERA—The organization of the town, though in itself of no special significance perhaps, was nevertheless the beginning of a new and important era in its history. The charter of incorporation did not invest the town with corporate powers till organization was legally effected; hence, the proprietary was merely a sort of interregnum by means of which the interests of the new settlement might meantime be subserved. Any vote of the proprietors therefore, while it was not illegal, that is, contrary to the law, did not at the same time sustain a legal title backed by the power of the state. They could vote taxes, but could not collect them if any one chose to stand out about it. Their enactments were to the proprietors what the Articles of Confederation were to the people of the United States, well enough if complied with, and even necessary; but they had no power to enforce compliance. It is true the proprietors voted Sept. 15, 1789, that those "delinquent in working out her Tax at highways from the commencement of the Proprietorship to this

date, have liberty to work it out on or before the last day of October next, otherwise to be proceeded against as the Law directs;" but it was probably a mere *show* of authority. Such a vote might impel those most jealous of their reputation to pay up; it could not compel them to do so. Besides it was taken after the town was organized, which may have had an influence in the matter. Here were delinquents six years in arrears, and the only redress was to threaten. Later on in the history of the town whole lots and farms were sold at vendue for neglect or refusal to pay a few dollars in taxes. In 1800 the proprietors petitioned the legislature to legalize all their former votes and proceedings, which was done. Under these circumstances progress was slow and made at great disadvantage. Unable legally to enforce their own decrees, they probably did not and could not go beyond the absolute needs of the settlement. Anything like substantial improvements, even the meagre ones we may imagine they might have been in those early times, were not to be thought of. But this state of things was changed in the organization of the town, which was probably effected as soon as its condition and resources complied with terms of law.

THE TOWN ORGANIZED.—To organize the town was simply to elect the town officers required by law. A petition, signed by four or more respectable freeholders and presented to a justice of the peace of another town, authorized him to issue a warning for town meeting and to open the same, or he could empower one of the petitioners to do so. There is no record of the petition made by Braintree freeholders nor of the warning of the first town-meeting; in fact no warning of any meeting of the town was recorded till March 29, 1798, when John French was elected town clerk and treasurer to succeed Elijah French, deceased. Asa Edgerton, Esq., Justice of the Peace of Randolph, warned the first town meeting and served as its first moderator. It was held at the house of Henry Brackett, now Mrs. George Hutchinson's. A literal copy of its records is as follows:

"Braintree April 7th 1788

"In Legal Town meeting

"Voted Elijah French Town Clerk and Treasurer

Asa Egerton Esqr. Moderator

Jacob Spear 1st	} Selectmen
Ebenezer White 2nd	
Stephen Fuller 3d	

Edward Bass Constable and Town Collector

Selectmen to Serve as Listers

Dn. Isaac Nichols Grand Jurorman

Matthew Pratt Grand Jurorman

Elijah Spear Pound Keeper

Samuel Bass Tithingman

Samuel Spear Tithingman

John Gooch Hayward

Asahel Flint Hayward

Henry Brackett Fence Viewer

Samson Nichols Fence Viewer

Samuel Harwood Fence Viewer

Jonathan King Surveyor of highways

Nehemiah Curtis Surveyor of highways

Silas Flint Sealler of Weights and Measures

"The above Chosen officers were Sworn before Esqr. Egton as the Law Directs, except Eben'r White

"Voted Lastly that this meeting be Dissolved

"June 7th, 1788, personally appeared Eben'r White and took the oath required by Law to Quallifyhim to Serve as Selectman

"Before me Elijah French Town Clerk"

HIGHWAYS.—The matter that was foremost in demanding attention, was the highways. The first step was to survey and legally establish every one already laid out and provide for new ones. The south-east corner of No. 16, first division (Frederick Whitney's) the mill (Brackett's) near Ira Ford's, and Bass's brook, (at Peth bridge) are old land marks, and often referred to in the earlier records. At a meeting held Sept. 2, 1788, the town voted to accept roads laid out by the selectmen:

1. "From Randolph Line (on the branch) to a Brook above Mr. Fuller's;" (near Samuel R. Batchellor's.)
2. The Quaker hill road from the mill to S. E. corner of 16-1.
3. "From the S. E. Corner of Sixteen about Sixty Rod on the east line (to school house, dis. No. 3,) then on to the corner of No. 9, No. 8, No. 4, and No. 5, (past Ira Harwoods) to Mr. Bass s Brook."
4. "Beginning at the Branch Road on a line between Mr. Brackett (John Pratt) and Mr. Pratt's (Joshua B. Ford's) on to Mr. Cleveland's house (not far from Earl S. Cushman's)."

Also to lay out roads:

1. "From Mr. Cleveland's house on to Mr. Edward Bass's house (lately Jefferson Pratt's), and on to Quaker hill Road." The first intention was to have this road follow the brook from Edward Bass's and come out on Quaker hill road near Henry (formerly Jonathan) Bass's; it was laid out instead to the S. E. corner of sixteen.

2. From the branch road "at the east side of the mill on to Mr. Goodall's house, thence on to Samuel Dunbars Lot," (up Riford's brook to 110-1.) This road crossed Brackett's mill pond where the bridge is and was established in 1789.

It was voted March 16, 1789, "to build a Bridge over the Branch....Near Samuel Spears," but this action was reconsidered the 15th of September following. The road up the branch, begun in 1783, was finally laid out from Randolph line to Kingston (now Granville) in 1789, and was quite different in certain parts from its present course. Near the Tilson place (Edward Maun's) it took a more northerly direction over the hill among the ledges and returned to the valley again a little east of Solomon (now Jonathan) Holman's. This course was taken to avoid bridging the branch between these two points, which was very wide and closely hugged the foot of the hill where the large bend now is on the flat, and around which the road was made in



1810. The freshet of 1830, it is said, changed the channel of the branch to the south side of the valley. Also, farther up the stream, near Stephen Fuller's, (Samuel R. Bachellor's) it crossed the branch nearly where the road past the coal-kilns now does, taking its course up the east bank to the place opposite Maj. William Ford's (George Tarbell's) where it crossed back to the west side, then took nearly its present course to Granville line. The west bank between Fuller's and Ford's was too wet to admit of a road, and when the present highway between those points was laid out some years later, it had to be built corduroy fashion. The whole branch road was surveyed and laid out substantially as it is now in 1810.

Some of the principal highways in Braintree were surveyed and ordained as follows:

1789. From Quaker hill meeting-house, via. David (now Sylvander) Partridge's to Ichabod Dyer's, Jr., (near Francis Thayer's).

From Bass's brook through the Hiram Bass lot (old road, now discontinued) past Silas Flint's (George W. Adams) to Joseph (lately Martin B.) Gooch's and thence in 1810 to Brookfield line.

1790-1. From the corner near Daniel Waite's (Heman A. Powers') via. Nathaniel Hutchinson's, (William Bass's) to Abial Howard's (lately Enos Bolton's).

1792. From the Branch road to Rev. Elijah Huntington's (George J. Fitts's).

1793. From Jacob Spear's (Joseph M. Tilson's) to Seth Hunt's (Albert Fitts's).

1794. From Seth Hunt's via. Isaac Nichols's, Jr., (Allen H. Flint's) to a bend in the hill road from Roxbury to Randolph, lot 41-1, (George F. Smith's).

From David Partridge's to Jacob Bailey's (William Farnsworth's).

From the S. E. corner of 16-1 to Randolph line, the "Kidder" road; discontinued in 1847.

1798. From the end of a road already laid up Riford's brook to Rochester line.

1803. From Zion Copeland's (John Finn's) eastward to Randolph line.

1805. From Isaac Nichols's, Jr., to Daniel Flint's (Connecticut corners).

1809. From the road near Abial Howards, past Rufus Flint's, to the road from David Partridge's to Nathaniel Spear's, discontinued in 1827.

1810. From Nathaniel Spear's (Daniel V. Page's) to Daniel Waite's (Heman A. Powers').

From Elisha Dyer's (near Francis Thayer's) to James Kenney's (Lewis S. Howard's).

From Randolph line, near Henry Brown's, through Peth to Bass's brook.

From Joseph DuBois's (at the brook north of Elisha H. Ford's) to Samuel Craig's (Frederick Whitney's). This was the old road, discontinued in part in 1844 when the present one up the brook was established.

1813. From Snowsville to Abraham Ford's (Leonard K. Fisher's).

1815. From Simeon Curtis's (Jephtha Howard's) to James Kenney's; now a private way.

From Stephen Hawes's blacksmith shop (near Lewis H. Spear's) to intersect the road from Snowsville to Abraham Ford's, opposite Jesse Martin's.

From "Connecticut" corners to Alvin Lyon's (Vilas C. Flint's).

1818. From Randolph line up Thayer's brook to Rochester line; the "Murray hollow" road; surveyed and laid out by Elias Stevens, of Royalton, Samuel Austin, of Tunbridge, and James Parker, of Sharon, who were appointed therefor by the legislature.

1819. From Jesse Pratt's (Berry lot, so-called,) to Nathaniel Flint's (foot of Oak Hill, east side); discontinued.

1822. From Brookfield line, near Zadoc Fuller's to Joel (now Marshall) Mann's, the old road from Joseph Gooch's southward being changed.

1826. From Joel Pratt's (near Roxbury line) via John Vinton's, Jr., (over Oak hill) to Daniel Flint's (Connecticut corners); discontinued.

1834. "From Nathaniel Spear's grist-mill (lately Washington Ford's) to the road leading by Samuel (now Ira) Harwood's; discontinued.

1837. From Thomas A. Vance's saw mill (near Edwin F. Thresher's) to the branch road.

This of course does not include a record of all the roads laid out in Braintree, nor is such a record needful. Too detailed a history of them would be tedious and involve much labor in research.

SCHOOLS.—There were schools in Braintree as early as 1788, the first being taught that year if not before in a log house on the "Kidder" lot, Samson Nichols, teacher. They did not seem to have been subject to any laws in particular. Any one capable of teaching the rudiments and of making the stalwarts "toe the mark" was considered qualified to handle the "rod." There were no brain-racking examinations then, no registers to fill out, simply nothing except to "keep" the school. But there were trials for the teachers even then. If their "book-larnin'" was less, they often required more grit, skill, and muscle to come out first best with the "big boys," and woe to the unlucky pedagogue who failed to "pass" in those "branches." There were exceptions however. Parents were occasionally found then, as now, who exacted filial obedience from their children everywhere, and there were not wanting in the schools pupils that were sober, reflective, and a source of pleasure to the master. Of course school accommodations were exceedingly rude and primitive in those early times. A blackboard was a rarity seldom enjoyed, and we cannot say to what extent instruction was oral on account of the poverty of the text books in suitable explanations, or perhaps on account of few text-books, or none at all. There has been a gradual growth and advancement in all respects. To-day sees better school-houses, better furnished. A better sense of the great advantage of the common schools and hence of their needs is slowly but surely creeping into the perceptions of the average citizen. That advancement in respect of the schools is greater than the progress made in other town matters, is not evident. It certainly ought to be greater. Schools should stand preeminently first, for in them is cradled the power of the commonwealth. The stability of the government is founded on the in-

telligence of the people. We seem as a town to have kept pace with the letter of the laws relating to schools, but not with their spirit. There is breadth and strength enough in them, if we would but grasp them, to place the district schools in the front rank of schools of that grade. Teachers just good enough, weeks of school just few enough, to satisfy the requirements of law, has been too much the prevailing notion. To reap the best advantage requires new laws or the letting out of a few more breadths of public spirit. The schools of the town are good schools as schools average. There was some excuse for their condition when necessary to hold them in private houses, in barns even, with only the rudest of appliances available; but in the last quarter of the nineteenth century there is none for not having good school-houses, good teachers, and the ordinary aids to good instruction for every school.

There were no district bounds till March 15, 1790, when a vote was taken "to Divide the Town into three School Districts." "Voted Mr. Henry Brackett's (Mrs. George Hutchinson's) west line be the line between the west and East District on the Branch" corresponding to districts No. 2 and 1 respectively. The south line of 22-1 lot (the Edward Bass farm, lately owned by Jefferson Pratt) was made the line between the east district and the district on Quaker hill. The next year the selectmen were authorized to make any needed alterations. The first school house was built on Quaker hill, near the old pound at the corner opposite the Braintree hill meeting house. It was erected probably in 1793; because the town voted March 3, 1794. that "town meeting be held in Futer at the school house on Quaker hill in Lue of Mr. John Kidders, and the meetings to be warned accordingly." The first school house was doubtless built of logs and was merely a temporary structure. The one built later is said to have been a framed building, large enough to accommodate 40 to 50 pupils, and was furnished with desks and movable benches for seats. Town meetings were held in it from 1795 to 1806—11 years—after which they were held in the meeting house. It is not known who first taught in it, but Rev. Ammi Nichols and Cynthia Martin were employed there quite early. One or two, perhaps more, are now living who remember going to school there. We do not know when the school houses throughout the town were first built, nor where, though probably nearly all of them were located not far from their present site.

In 1796 the town chose a committee of three, the next year one of five, to make necessary alterations in school districts. The latter partially redistricted the town, giving new names to the districts, and reported at a special meeting, March 13, 1797, as follows: 1st. Washington district, from Randolph line on Bass's brook, to the west line of 31-1 (Berry lot), thence to the south line of 34-1 (Killam farm), thence east to the west line of 14-1 (Alfred Webster's), south far enough to include 14-1, thence east to Randolph line and to the place of beginning.

2d. Mill district, including all land lying north of Washington.

3d. West district, including all land lying west of a Washington and Mill, except improved lands on the Branch.

The East and the West districts on the Branch remained substantially as before, although the town voted March 6, 1797, that "Capt. Jacob Spear with all [improved] Land Lying in a body together on the Branch in Braintree be Formed into one school District." In 1802, Mill district was divided, the part north and east of Abraham Ford's (Leonard K. Fisher's) and the Lot Hutchinson farm (George W. Flagg's) being called the Northeast, or Ayer's brook, district, and the East district was made to include in 1803 what is now the district up Riford's brook and all the Branch almost or quite to the bridge near Levi (now George L.) Spear's. The inhabitants up Riford's brook were made a separate district, March 3, 1806, called Southern, but it was set back March 5, 1810. At the former date, Hope Bradley, Seth Hunt and Rufus Neff were also constituted a district, named Bradley, (now No. 4). Two other districts were formed in 1810, viz.: Jefferson, from that part of Mill which is now substantially No. 9, and Union, from parts of Mill and Washington, comprising that part of No. 7 in Braintree. The remaining or north west part of Mill, as it formerly was, was organized April 5, 1821, into a district named Madison. There were formed at some time two other districts: South, on Thayer's brook and North, or Lyon, in the north next to Roxbury, (No. 6,) making in all eleven. March 28, 1827, Samson Nichols, Levi Spear, and Daniel Waite, were chosen a committee to establish definitely the bounds of all the school-districts, which was done.

They also numbered each, as follows:

East (on the Branch) district .....	No. 1.
West (on the Branch) district.....	No. 2.
Washington, or Quaker hill, district.....	No. 3.
Bradley district.....	No. 4.
Northwest, or Flint, district.....	No. 5.
North, or Lyon, district..	No. 6.
Union district.....	No. 7.
Ayer's brook district.....	No. 8.
Jefferson district.....	No. 9.
Madison district.....	No. 10.
South, or Thayer's brook, district.....	No. 11.

A district was organized Nov. 16, 1830, from No. 3, called No. 12.

In 1832, March 19, No. 7, and Randolph district No. 13, were united.

No. 13, from that part of No. 1 up Riford's brook, was formed March 31, 1845.

Nos. 9 and 10, were united March 2, 1852, as No. 9.

Since March 1, 1853, No. 11 has been known as No. 10; No. 12 as No. 11, and No. 13 as No. 12.

## CHURCHES.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY.—The first holding of religious services in Braintree seems to have been nearly co-temporaneous with its settlement. The character of those pioneers, who faced innumerable perils to people a wilderness, was stable and courageous. They were strong-armed and strong-hearted. We almost feel that they were endowed with



more than human qualities. But they were sensible of being merely human and of needing a larger strength than theirs to meet the contingencies and hardships incident to their circumstances. This felt-want expressed itself in a spontaneous outpouring of the soul to God. There was a union of heart. They were girt with a simple faith. The entire community was a brotherhood in that faith. Their prayer and praise meetings (conducted somewhat after the modern style) were a testimony of the faith that was in them. We cannot doubt that the worshipers at those meetings were sincere. Their worship was the rude but beautiful expression of gospel truth—beautiful because realized.

But as time advanced, diverse opinions found expression. Religion, it would seem, came to be viewed by some more as a mode of life than as the source of it, and each claimed the right to choose his own mode. The records show that dissension from the common belief of the church was not infrequent. Division of sentiment indeed became an obstacle to the progress of the church from its inception, and offered the most serious difficulties that tasked its pastor. There were no violent collisions, but the church was kept in a constant struggle. It was a warfare more against indifference than organized opposition. Added to this was the impecunious condition of the church. It was always impossible to pledge commensurate with its needs—sometimes to secure the fulfillment of what was pledged. The church started out with a career of eminent usefulness in prospect. It occupied a business center, which promised abundant resources and facilities; its edifice was centrally located in the midst of a growing population. But the lines of business enterprise gradually centered elsewhere, withdrawing from its scanty means much material strength. The church has lived; it now lingers. The generation in whose minds were inculcated vital truths, not so much by brilliancy of intellect as by the power of a life of fervor and of faith, has nearly passed away. Those succeeding it are less well taught, and less constantly.

There was no stated preaching at first. The Rev. Elijah Brainerd of Randolph, began preaching from house to house, as opportunity offered, in 1788, and continued perhaps several years. It is possible that others did so, but we find no records to that effect. These were all the religious privileges enjoyed till 1801, when a pastor was settled over the church. The church was constituted Dec. 25, 1794, with eight members, and the Congregational society was formed Aug. 26, 1799. Before these events, the town was the sole agent in sustaining religious service, and thereafter acted in conjunction with the church and society till 1846. As early as 1792, June 9, a meeting was warned "to see if the Town will appoint a Committee to agree with some minister of the Gospel to preach in this Town this present Year," and to vote money for that purpose. What was done is not known for the doings of the meeting were not recorded. A petition was drawn up June 6, 1793, requesting a meeting to be warned "to See if the Town will Pitch upon a Spot of Land to Build a meeting-house." On the 12th of August following a meeting was held (by adjournment) "on the Line between Lots 32 & 42 First Division," (between the farms of Daniel Flint and George F. Smith). "Voted to bild a meeting-

house on a Spot of Ground, on a nole, near the Corner of the Lots No. 41-42-31 & 32 first Division" (south-west corner of the "Berry" lot). Jacob Spear and John French were chosen a committee to buy "Six acres of Land for the meeting house Spot." March 3, 1794, Reuben Partridge, John French, and Isaac Nichols were made a committee "to agree with a minister or ministers" in accordance with a vote at the same time "to higher Preaching for Six months." It appears that there was some question about the feasibility of the site selected; for a meeting was called June 22, 1795, evidently to consider the matter, when it was voted "to build a meeting-house on the Spot of Land the Town has heretofore agreed upon, or another Spot the Town may agree upon, the house to be built by the money arising by selling the pews." At the same time they voted "the present Selectmen be the Committee to Draw a plan of sd. meeting house and to see if the pews will sell." The committee, on the 29th of June, following, presented their report, which was accepted, as follows: "to build the meeting house, on Lot No. 29, in the First Division." This lot (Alban's hill) was then owned by Isaac and Abner Nichols who agreed to give two acres and sell two more for the "meeting-house spot." The location selected was nearly opposite Dr. Thayer's (Jonathan W. Belcher's). The draught, or plan, made "the house to be 48 feet Long and forty feet wide, with 30 pews on the Lower floor, with three seats on Each side the Broad Alley, 12 feet Long and 3 feet wide." The pews were to be sold "and the paid made one-third in materials to build sd. house, the other two-thirds in Wheat at Four Shillings pr. Bushel or neat stock aquivalent." The above plan was not conformed to. Of any subsequent action respecting the location of the church edifice the records do not take notice. John French was determined to have it stand as near to his own premises as possible, he then living where Henry Bass now does. He so ruled matters that, one spot after another being accepted and rejected, the committee finally agreed and settled upon the northwest corner of 16-1, near the site of the present edifice. The erection of a house of worship was commenced there in 1803, and completed in 1807. A description of it is given below.

It is easy to understand the difficulties which beset this little church that was planted in a wilderness. Recorded facts are few, and therefore imagination must do duty in picturing its struggle to live and accomplish its mission. We can know that a reasonable pride must have been felt when Nov. 25, 1800, a call was extended to the Rev. Aaron Cleveland (which was accepted Jan. 4, 1801,) and he was ordained pastor of the church in March, 1801. The reason for his dismissal, April 22, 1802, cannot be given, but the event caused some dissension in the church. Possibly previously existing divisions, which he was unable to reconcile, may have governed somewhat. He did not gain in popularity, and his wife was a very proud woman, and altogether his pastoral relations do not seem to have been at all pleasant. From this time the church was without a pastor till Sept. 23, 1807, when Ammi Nichols was ordained and installed. The records of the society seem to show that he preached several months, perhaps a year, previous to that time, for Aug. 27, 1806, it was voted "to give Mr. Ammi Nichols one hundred Dollars out of the public money and also one Lot to be his Choise of the two Lots of Land voted to him on the

tenth day of April Last;" twenty cords of good fine wood "Annually so Long as he shall Remain our minister;" and the privilege of teaching part of the time, if "Necessary to his support." A call was tendered to Mr. Nichols Jan. 16, 1806, which he accepted on the 23d of the next November, he being then 25 years of age. His reply reflects so largely upon the condition of things at that time and was so characteristic, that we give it in full:

To the Congregational Church and Society in Braintree:

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—In satisfying myself as to duty relative to an answer to the call I have received from this church and society, I have had no small difficulty. When I reflect on the many discordant feelings which have existed in the minds of the members of this society on account of the settlement and dismissal of your former minister, its evil effects, together with the possibility that the same or worse difficulties may arise in consequence of my connexion with this people, I have trembled lest an affirmative answer should be followed with painful sensations on my part, and war in your society. Furthermore, when I reflect on the possibility that my usefulness may be much greater in some other place than in this, on account of having had my residence here for several years past; and when I view it very possible that what is offered me will prove inadequate for my support, everything looks dark and forbidding.

On the other hand, when I view your situation and realize the necessity of the settlement of the gospel among you in order to your happiness as citizens, the advancement of your temporal interest, and the interest of your immortal souls; and when I am told, not only by individuals in this town and society, but by people from adjacent towns, that there is no probability that you will be more united at present in any other person, I in some measure rise above those clouds of difficulty which at certain times appear, and feel as though in giving a negative answer I should reject the call of God.

Having therefore taken counsel of characters experienced in the ministry, and having as I humbly hope looked upward to Him who possesses infinite wisdom, I am brought to this conclusion: that it is my duty to accept your call.

As I look to you for support, while I accept of your call I do it with an expectation that you will use every reasonable exertion to fulfill the contract on your part, and that you will afford me every aid that my necessity, or your duty, may require. I likewise put confidence in you, that instead of attempting to produce disorder in society, you will let it be your constant business to pursue those measures which make for peace.

You will probably say that constant preaching on the Sabbath will be of great use to society. But it can be of no benefit to have a sermon delivered once a week to these walls while you are slumbering upon your beds or wandering in your fields. I beg therefore that I may not be disappointed in depending on your constant attendance to religious worship on the Sabbath.

While you have expressed a desire that I should be your minister, I hope you have frequently called to mind the imperfection of the man of your choice. I shall doubtless perform many things which will in your view be the effects of a simple head and a depraved heart. I hope therefore that you



will be prepared to meet with mortification from this source, and also be prepared to forgive. If I know my heart it is my object the few days I tarry in this place to use every reasonable exertion to promote peace and prosperity in this society, and town at large. It is my earnest petition that you may ever have the satisfaction of beholding me engaged in the cause of the Redeemer and in the promotion of your felicity here and hereafter. I hope you will never forget the importance of aiming to strengthen my hands and encourage my heart.

You must not expect, however, that for the sake of pleasing men I shall withhold a part of the gospel. No, heaven forbid it! If I am a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is my business to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear; for every object, even my *reputation*, must be sacrificed for the interest of immortal souls.

That I may ever be profitable to you as it relates to both soul and body, that I may obey the Divine commands and spend my days in the immediate service of God, I beg your prayers.

Commending you to the care of the great Head of the church, and wishing you grace, mercy, and peace forever, I acknowledge myself

Yours affectionately,

AMMI NICHOLS.

The second week in June, 1807, was at first fixed for holding the ordination services; they were subsequently postponed till the 23d of September. Means were discussed and funds raised for completing the church edifice, and it received its finishing touches and was dedicated on the day that installed the pastor. That was a day long to be remembered. An immense crowd was called together; the capacious house was packed to its utmost. A deep solemnity prevailed. The church seemed to feel at once the impulse of new accessions of spiritual power. It helped to bring hearts nearer, to reconcile feuds; it inspired with fresh courage. The sermon on this occasion was delivered by Rev. Jonathan Strong, D.D., of Randolph, Mass.

The career of the church from this time onward was not altogether smooth; much apathy prevailed, and there are records of severe cases of discipline. By a standing rule, any offensive member was labored with, and if satisfaction was not obtained, the matter was preferred to the church where it took the form of a trial. Such trials seem to have been conducted with great caution and prudence. The difficulty from inadequate support, apprehended by Mr. Nichols in accepting the pastoral charge, was fully realized. At an adjourned meeting, March 5, 1817, the society voted to sever his pastoral connection in consequence of inability to pay his salary, but at the same time was chosen a committee to see if measures could be provided for his future support. They reported: "That the Rev. Ammi Nichols will continue in this place one year and longer provided the society and subscribers will pay him agreeable to their engagement." His stated annual salary was \$250 and twenty cords of wood fitted for the stove. The church also labored under some indebtedness—a veritable "thorn"—and for several years the matter of retaining Mr. Nichols's services was a serious question. He remained, but the "engagement" was never wholly fulfilled. Those were "dark days" in its history.



During his pastorate, Mr. Nichols was so intimately connected with the church that the sketch of his life, given elsewhere, is essentially the history of that body. He was dismissed March 23, 1847. After 1846, James Hobart, Truman Perrin, George Butterfield, Elbridge Knight, and A. S. Swift occupied the pulpit till 1853, when Mr. Nichols returning from the west became acting pastor and so continued till his death in 1873. John B. Griswold from Connecticut, preached two years, 1866-7. For several years theological students spent their summer vacation with the church: William I. Chalmers, 1870; William D. Hart, 1871-2; Austin E. Burr, 1873; Samuel J. Bryant, 1874; Albert T. Swing, 1875-6; William B. Hague, 1877. The society employed for a year Charles W. Dealtry, 1878, who resigned after nine months; Augustus Alvord, 1879; Lorenzo D. Place, 1881; and, united with Snowsville people, L. S. Vincent, 1882. The following are the deacons: Samuel Bass and Isaac Nichols, chosen Aug. 22, 1801; Samson Nichols, February, 1810; Giles Randall, 1822; Abner Nichols, Jr., and Augustus Flint, Oct. 19, 1827; Gilman Vose, Aug. 2, 1835; John S. Nichols, May 25, 1849; Charles L. Drury, Aug. 11, 1872. The aggregate membership of the church is 273; its present resident membership, 25.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH was constituted March 5, 1799; Rev. Elijah Huntington was its first pastor, ordained June 18, 1800. A house of worship was built in the summer of 1815. Elder Huntington died June 24, 1828, after which the church had no settled minister for quite a number of years; but service was sustained more or less constantly by various ministers. The church finally got into a very dead condition, and it did not revive till Nov. 5, 1859, when, owing largely to the efforts of Rev. Jonathan Tilson, then of Hingham, Mass., reorganization was effected and a new start taken. The meeting house was repaired and a minister, Rev. H. D. Hodge, of Compton, N. H., was settled over the church. Mr. Hodge remained till the autumn of 1866. Rev. George S. Chase of Chester, N. H., was installed its pastor Feb. 14, 1867, and remained two years. April 1, 1869, Rev. Samuel Woodbury began to labor with the church, and continued there several years. Revivals were enjoyed by this church in 1816, 1859, 1866-7.

The Baptist church deserves a more extended history, but these are all the facts obtained.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH was formed in 1817 by Elder Benjamin Putnam with fifteen to twenty members, among whom were Lyman and Ruth Kidder, Abial and Polly Howard, Sally Waite, Henry and Dinah Brown, James and Sophia Hutchinson and Isaac Lothrop. Abial Howard and Lyman Kidder were chosen deacons. A house of worship was built soon after, it being located near the top of the hill north of Peth village. Regular meetings were held for many years, and the church was very prosperous. Previous to the building of the meeting house services were conducted in private dwellings and school houses. The writer, a young man at that time, well remembers the many religious gatherings in his father's long kitchen, and would now, in his advanced years, like to enjoy some of the soul-stirring ser-

mons preached by Revs. Putnam, E. B. Rollins, C. W. Martin, John Capron, Relton Davis, J. L. Green and others. The meetings were well attended, sometimes to overflowing. In process of time the church was much weakened by deaths and removals. Public sentiment had merged quite generally into Second Adventism. The new theory was preached with a zeal and fervor worthy of a better theme, and much excitement prevailed, and many confidently prepared for "ascension" on the 15th of February, 1843. But fanaticism always carries too far and not a little disturbance arose; in one instance on account of Elder Rollins, who, while preaching at West Randolph, came to the christian church in Braintree, claiming to "own" it. When the Advent bubble burst the low state of the church called for some action to increase its resources, material and spiritual. The Christian Society made the proposition that a house be built at Snowsville, which being located as it then was on one of the main thoroughfares in the state, gave promise of considerable development. To this the church assented, and about 1844-5 donated for that purpose its house of worship at Peth. The house was soon after taken down and rebuilt, with some changes, at Snowsville. It was dedicated in December, 1852. This step practically disorganized the church, scattering its members, some to Snowsville, some to West Brookfield, and others to West Randolph. Moreover, the community in which the new house was located was split up into Christians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Universalists, Spiritualists, etc., and no one of these different orders was strong enough to support religious service constantly. They therefore united and formed a Union church, to be free to all denominations. Even then, especially in later years, the house was unoccupied for years in succession, except occasionally by transient speakers, and religious progress was of course impossible. This was the condition of things in May, 1871, when Arthur T. Reed, a Yale student, was delegated by Sec. Smith to spend his four months vacation with the church. At the expiration of that time he reluctantly consented to remain a year longer on condition that the different denominations would unite in the organization of a new church, which, it was definitely understood would be Evangelical, preferably Congregational, in form. It was further arranged that the new church should embrace also the church at West Brookfield. On the 24th of October, 1871, was organized "The Congregational Church of Christ in East Braintree and West Brookfield," with a membership numbering thirty-four. Storrs S. Clough and Jesse W. Martin were elected deacons. Service has been sustained almost continuously since the formation of the church, and a fair degree of prosperity has followed, though there has been no permanent pastor. Rev. Mr. Thyng of Brattleboro preached a few weeks after Mr. Reed left in 1872. Henry C. Howard occupied the pulpit over two years, ending Nov. 1, 1874; Henry T. Sell from May to September, 1875; Rev. Samuel W. Dike, October, 1875, to March, 1876; Samuel C. Bushnell, May to September, 1876; J. Brainard Thrall, May to September, 1877; Rev. Charles H. Covill, two years ending November, 1879; Rev. C. P. Smith, May, 1880, to February, 1881; Rev. C. Simonds, one year ending July, 1882, and Rev. Laman S. Vincent (in connection with the church on Braintree Hill), one year ending November, 1883.

THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY.—About 1856 was formed a Unitarian Society to “embrace Unitarians, Universalists, Resorationists, Spiritualists, and all who believe that *God is love*, and desire spiritual light and truth and religious freedom.” Its avowed object was to get a “portion of the publick money designed for the support of the gospel in this town, used for the support of public speaking in the Unitarian Society.” The society sustains its name only.

THE BRAINTREE HILL MEETING HOUSE.—The dimensions of the old meeting house are not known; we can only say they were large. It stood facing the west, the north side being nearly in a line with the fence and horse sheds south side of the cemetery. The latter formerly occupied perhaps a little more than half its present limits. The meeting-house grounds were donated by Ebenezer White, to remain the property of the church and society as long as the house stands upon it. Whenever that is removed the land reverts to his heirs. The house had three entrances through the front, two directly into the side aisles of the edifice and the other into the base of the belfry, leading thence through a small entry to the middle aisle and also up a flight of stairs to the gallery. The belfry was a peculiar structure being about 8 to 10 feet square, forming a front projection to the building from the ground up. The bell that was hung in it was presented to the church by Samuel Bass of Randolph, Mass., the father of Jonathan, who also gave liberally for building the house. It was one of the finest toned bells that ever called a congregation together. While being tolled for a funeral some years afterwards it was cracked. It was then considered to be of little value and was sold, the proceeds being applied to a church debt. At Boston the crack was sawed out and the bell was one of the best used in any church edifice in that city for many years.

As already intimated, there were three aisles, one middle and two side. Each had a row of pews on both sides. The pews were square. The backs of the seats were paneled, the tops being ornamented with round rods inserted upright a few inches apart, which were surmounted at the height of 8 or 10 inches with a top-piece a few inches wide, the last finished on the upper-edge with a moulding. There was a row of pews each side the pulpit, facing it. The pulpit was very high, requiring an ordinary flight of stairs to reach it. The gallery occupied both sides and the west end and contained a row of pews its whole extent, next to the wall, like those below, each facing the east, or the pulpit. Two rows of singers seats, each with a high back and a broad board for a book-rest, were on the front side of the gallery its whole length. Ladies occupied the right, and gentlemen the left gallery, the chief singers of either sex sitting in the end gallery opposite the pulpit. It was many years before a stove was used in the old meeting house. Blinded by the superstition that it was wrong to have a comfortable fire in the house of God, people shivered in winter over foot-stoves. Services were quite lengthy in those days, too. The windows were large, high and without blinds. Both inside and outside the house was perfectly plain. Town meetings were held in it, 1807 to 1845—39 years.



It became expedient at last to repair or rebuild the meeting-house, which had become dilapidated, and was much too large. Nov. 26, 1844, the town by vote offered to relinquish its right thereto, provided the society would build a house and allow the town to hold meetings in it. The same offer was made Jan. 2, 1845, on condition the society would build a town hall, and John Waite, Levi Tracy and James Spear were constituted a committee to confer with a similar committee from the society to build a town hall, with instructions not to expend more than \$300 on the same. The committee on the part of the society were William Nichols, Samuel Bass, Augustus Flint, Robert Lyon, and Austin Flagg, who were empowered to expend no more than could be raised by the sale of the pews, the avails of the old house and the \$300 voted by the town. Work began on this basis, the new edifice being erected in 1845 and dedicated early in 1846. Since this time the town has had nothing to do with religious matters. The spacious grounds, or "common," belonging to the church have been the scene of many lively times on election and especially June training days. When the old house was dedicated, the roadside from Ebenezer White's (William H. Nichols's) to the corner, and part of the south and the east sides of the common, were lined with stands or tents for selling eatables. Mr. White also spread a bountiful feast for hungry guests at his house.

#### BUSINESS.

QUAKER HILL.—The first place of business in Braintree was at the stand of Bass & French on Quaker Hill. Records show that the copartnership between Sam'l Bass of Randolph, Mass., and John French was formed not later than November, 1795. The senior member of the firm furnished the capital and built the first store and hotel in Braintree, though never a resident here. The firm probably dissolved partnership about 1806, when French removed to Randolph. Trade was chiefly barter. They also dealt largely in real estate. The store and hotel was for a time kept in the same building, but subsequently they built a store near it. In October of each year Bass visited Braintree for a general settlement of accounts, all kinds of marketable stock being taken for debts. Business continued here many years. We cannot state when Elijah French, Jr., opened a store on what is now the parsonage, his "old store" being among the buildings on that place. It stood between the house and the cemetery, somewhat back from the highway. French finally failed and went west not far from 1817, his being the last full-line store kept on Quaker Hill.

Dr. Ithamer Tilden, the first practicing physician in Braintree, was located on Quaker Hill, living in a little house south side of the road near the old parsonage. Dr. Samuel W. Thayer lived where Jonathan W. Belcher does. He, in company with Elisha Mann, employed agents for selling pills in other states, and had quite a large business. His office stood at the corner of his house, and has a bit of history. School was kept in it for some time. Then it was moved across the road opposite his house; thence to the corner at the old parsonage, where the widow of Phineas Flint, Jr., occupied it for a milli-

nery shop; and thence half way to Dea. Nichols's house, where, supplemented by a part built on as large as itself, it has been occupied by numerous families, and not a few children first saw daylight in it.

A potato whiskey distillery was built a short distance west of Bass & French's store, south side of the highway, about 1809, possibly before. Its palmiest days were during the war of 1812-14, after which it ceased to pay and was soon closed.

About 1836 Thomas A. Vance kept a boot and shoe store, and subsequently a small grocery, where Albert Pearl lives, in a building formerly occupied by Abner Nichols, Jr., as a cabinet shop.

The town clerk's office has always been on Quaker Hill.

PETH.—John Hutchinson was the first to settle in Peth about 1793. In 1810 he built there the first framed house, now owned by James P. Cleveland, Jr. He also built a saw mill nearly opposite his house about 1805. Luke Fitts built the next house, Washington Ford present owner. Then Lyman Burnham's was the next, where Samuel Spear lives; in 1822 Noah B. Cady's, now occupied by Frank Herrick; next Jonathan Fitts', next east of Ford's; in 1829 Ziba Bass's, now John P. Smith's, and in 1830 Edmund Tilson, Jr.'s, between Ford's and Herrick's, which Mr. Tilson took with him to West Randolph in 1856.

A little way above the saw mill a carding mill and clothier's shop was erected, the basement of which was used by James Hutchinson for an oil mill. Subsequently Edmund Tilson, Jr., and after him Willard Edson occupied the upper part, each for several years, manufacturing furniture. The building is now used for a cider mill. Aaron Harwood built a clover mill just above the bridge, which finally became the property of Samuel Bass, Jr., and Moses Bass built another farther up the stream, where the foundation walls are still to be seen. About 1822 Noah B. Cady built a cabinet shop nearly opposite his house, and manufactured wagons and sleighs. He was a joiner by trade, and built several houses in that vicinity. Samuel Fitts also made wagons and sleighs for several years. Just above Cady's cabinet works stood Lyman Burnham's blacksmith shop. Ziba Bass occupied this a number of years, then built one for himself. Earlier than all these were Nathaniel Spear's mills, about half or three-quarters of a mile up stream from Peth. David Smith gave Mr. Spear seven acres of land for a mill privilege, on condition that he would build a grist mill thereon, which he did about 1793. The first mill was built just below the stone bridge. It was supplied by water brought in a trough from a dam some distance above. The second was built just above the bridge, the front of the mill resting on the north side of it. For the convenience of customers the bridge was constructed so wide that a team could be turned around on it. The grist mill was burned on the night of Oct. 3, 1859. The saw mill was built quite early, a few rods above the bridge, but was subsequently moved to its present site.

On the 15th of December, 1832, Joshua Ingalls of Hancock opened the first store in Peth in the house standing next west of the residence of Sam'l Spear. The stock in trade was general merchandise. Ingalls was not very popular, and he sold out, Feb. 14, 1834, to his clerk, Luther S. Goodno, formerly of Han-



cock, who formed a copartnership with Rufus Hutchinson, under the name of Hutchinson & Goodno. In 1836 Goodno and Ira Kidder bought out the firm, but Goodno became sole owner about six months after, and so continued till 1839. Then he, Azel Lyman and Rufus Hutchinson entered into a partnership, which, however, was dissolved in 1840, Goodno continuing in trade at Snowsville. Heman A. Bass traded there for about a year, and in the meantime formed a partnership with his brother Andrew. The firm then removed to Snowsville. Other business men of Peth are as follows: Henry Jackson, Jr., of Berlin. He moved into the old store building in March, 1832, and worked at shoemaking till August, 1839, when he returned to Berlin. His children were George, Sally, Albina, Almira, Crawford and Eliza. Alvin Braley resided with his father-in-law, John Hutchinson, about two years, coming to Braintree in 1840. He had large business capacity, and in Roxbury and Northfield, where nearly all his life was spent, he held many positions of public trust, being at the time of his death President of the Northfield National Bank. Willard Edson came from West Randolph in July, 1834. He married Anna Pratt and lived in Peth till 1845, working at shoemaking and in the furniture shop. He removed to Fond du Lac, Wis., where he and his wife have both died. Solon, their only child, resides at Fond du Lac, and has filled several responsible offices. Stillman Ruggles, brother to Samuel, Harvey W. Corbin, Washington Coburn, Elisha P. Webster, Stephen A. Fish and Gilman Lovejoy each lived in Peth two or three years, some working at wheelwright trade, others at furniture making. Benjamin Byam of Clemsford, Mass., moved into the Wakefield house in 1838, residing there about six years, then returned to Clemsford.

**SNOWSVILLE.**—Before any mills were built at Snowsville, people went to Paine's mill, Brookfield, with their grist, and later to Spear's mill. No business was done at this place probably before 1814. In that year Jeremiah Snow began running a grist mill which stood near the east end of the hotel. It was supplied with water by an aqueduct from the "little pond" that was westerly of Ruggles's house, in the stream that runs across the road, eastward. Snow run a saw mill not long after and ran both till about 1840, when Selah Benton negotiated for his mill property on condition that Benton was to provide for Snow and his wife during life. On account of bad management the property depreciated in value, and Snow was obliged to ask the town authorities to take himself and the property in charge in consequence, and he died in the hands of the overseer. Samuel Bagley built a saw mill in 1798 on the brook east of the village, above the school house. He sold it to Joseph Gooch, 3d, who ran it 52 years; also Martin B. Gooch, who bought some years after, Stephen Benton's mill which stood on the site of Laport's carriage shop. This was the first saw mill in Snowsville, and was built by Ashbel Tucker and owned by Enoch Hebard. All of these except the Bagley mill have disappeared, and the only mill in Snowsville, now, is a grist mill run by Barnard Blanchard.

Aaron Harwood carried on a whiskey distillery about a year just back of the hotel horse barn. It was washed off by the freshet of 1830. Then a tan-

nery was built there and run by Almon Morris, but it was a temporary affair. A more extensive tanning business was afterwards carried on by Nicholas Laport and Levi Tracy, in the building in which George W. Hunt now lives. They sold out to Francis Maynard, who was the last to work at that trade in Snowsville.

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About 1837 Alonzo Fish opened a cabinet shop in the building at the east end of the dam, and continued there several years. William Blanchard, Jr., began carriage making at the same place, and retired from it soon after, he bought the hotel about 1872. He did quite an extensive business, but did not remain at the same stand. M. D. Laport now has control of the carriage business. Silas Chadwick, John McIntire and Jason A. French have kept up harness making since 1836. Jacob Bailey was the first nail maker in Braintree who worked at that trade. His shop was where Wm. Farnsworth lives. The first blacksmith was Luther Warner, who worked in a shop located where J. A. Smith now has his garden and commenced about 1815. Daniel Loomis began blacksmithing about 1843. About 1846 he sold out to Storrs P. Paine, who continued the business till about 1872. In the meantime, Luther and James M. Warner carried on the same business. It has passed through several hands and is now carried on by A. K. McIntire and L. Tromley.

The first hotel was kept by Thomas Dutton about 1832-6, in the building on the corner, near the present hotel. He made harnesses at the same time and place. Isaac Lothrop then bought the hotel business and carried it on at the same stand for a few years, then Daniel Cram moved into the present hotel built by Nathaniel Hutchinson, his father-in-law, who owned it till his death about 1872. The hotel business was controlled successively by John Hutchinson, Mr. Shedd, Stillman Moulton, James M. Warner, Vernon D. Partridge, and lastly by its owner. About 1872 William Blanchard bought it, and has since managed it.

The first store was opened in 1828 by John Waite and Roswell Morris, under the firm name of Morris & Waite. They occupied the post office building. The firm afterwards changed to Waite, Morris & Co., and later to Waite & Kingsbury. Their stock was general merchandise, and they engaged largely in buying of farmer's produce and the manufacture of potash and pearlash. They employed two, six and eight-horse teams for freighting merchandise to and from Boston. The large teams made the trip in twenty or twenty-one days, freight charges being usually one dollar per one hundred pounds. They often purchased forty to fifty tons of pork in a single season. The last named firm occupied the large store, the Farmer's and Mechanic's building, built by Waite, who also erected the large house in which Jesse W. Martin lives. These firms carried on a large and successful business for eleven years, when Waite bought the old homestead and went to farming. Azro D. Lamson continued in trade after Waite & Kingsbury, then Farmers and Mechanics, next Currier & Hunt. About the same time, or later, L. S. Goodno, and A. & H. A. Bass, from Peth, dealt in general merchandise. The latter firm was dissolved in 1849 by the death of Andrew, and Heman A. failed a few years later. Leander Chadwick, J. Q. A. Grant, A. B. Ferry, Henry J. Hyzer,

Udall, and since 1872, Wm. Blanchard, have been the later Snowsville merchants. About 1837, Judge Howe, formerly of New Hampshire, began a grocery and dry goods trade under the hotel, and, in partnership with Daniel Cram, continued the same in the corner store as Daniel Cram & Co. Without change of ownership, all being in Howe's hands, the firm name was changed to Daniel Loomis & Co., afterward to Loomis, Hutchinson & Cram. A failure occurred by which a Boston house became liable to great loss, and out of which grew a law suit between Boston creditors and Nathaniel Hutchinson. The question involved was whether Hutchinson or his son John was partner, Nathaniel denying any partnership in the concern. A long litigation followed which terminated against Nathaniel, nearly ruining him financially.

We are unable to give an accurate description of Snowsville in its earliest history. Those who knew it are gone. But few are living who remember the big pond, and the little pond, the aqueduct, the elevated sidewalk, Aunt Snow in her daily task at the mill, and other things in that antique little village.

**WEST BRAINTREE.**—The first business enterprise at West Braintree was a grist mill built very early, near George Tarbell's. Matthew Pratt owned a carding mill there. Albert Hawes built a saw mill. He failed up, and in 1852 the business and farm went into the possession of Daniel Tarbell, Jr., of Granville. Tarbell continued the business, but the building finally ran down so that little was done. George Tarbell bought the property in 1857. In 1876 rebuilt the saw mill, put in a circular saw and increased the business. About 1820 Stephen Fuller built a saw mill nearly opposite Samuel R. Batchellor's. Maj. Ford owned other mills there, which he sold to Levi Thayer of Braintree, Mass. The freshet of 1830 carried them all off, and only a saw mill was rebuilt. Maj. Ford then bought where the late Jarvis Tilson lived, and also the Brackett mill site, on which he built a saw mill, a carding and clover mill. He also built a saw mill and a grist mill nearly opposite his house on the Tilson farm. These all shared the common fate in the freshet of 1830. William B. Bass and Roswell G. Curtis built, we think, a saw mill, later, up Riford's brook, but we are confidently told that none of the mills on the Brackett place were rebuilt. George Tarbell now does considerable lumber business where the old grist mill was, and handles a large amount of cord wood. In the fall of 1867 a saw mill was built at the depot and was run by Spear & Stearns till the spring of 1868, when George L. Spear bought Stearns's interest, and later, when Levi Spear, the senior member, died, the whole business passed into George L.'s hands. He gets out dimension timber, spruce and hemlock. A planer, matcher and lathe saw were put in in 1869, and later a shingle machine. About a million feet of lumber is gotten out yearly, besides a large amount of cord wood, giving employment to thirty men.

Chaffee & Cummings built the coal kilns. They put in later a condensing apparatus for making smoke tar, which was used in paint works, and for a number of years there was quite a large trade in the article. But a substitute

for the tar being discovered that was cheaper, the business became unprofitable and the works were taken down. The kilns are now little used.

The store at West Braintree, as nearly as we can learn, was built about 1850 by Caius Chaffee of East Cambridge, who did business there for a few years on a small scale, and then sold it to John Montgomery. Parkhurst of Granville, W. W. Bruce and others have owned it till about 1875, since which time Joshua A. Spear has been proprietor. Samuel Burrige began selling groceries about 1869, and was telegraph operator. When he died Warren Stearns continued the business, and at his demise his daughter succeeded him. Since September, 1871, Leonard Fish has done the hotel business.

THE FIRST MILL.—A vote of the proprietors, Sept. 19, 1783, ordained that a road be laid out from the mill to a road that is now begun. Much research and inquiry have been required to ascertain what mill, if any, was erected or in process of erection two years before any permanent settlement in the town, and the following facts have been elicited: Matthew Pratt, Jr., residing at Gilmanton, Wis., and several others in Braintree, are quite positive that John Gooch, Henry Brackett, William Ford, Sr., and Matthew Pratt, Sr., came to Braintree from Randolph, Mass., in the spring of 1783 with an ox team, bringing machinery for Brackett's mill; that they staid that summer, returning as winter approached, and did the same the next year. Taking all together it shows that Brackett's mill, the first in town, was begun in 1783. The mill was probably two or three years in building. They brought a couple of cows with them to furnish milk on the journey and while here. What the company were employed about all the time, we cannot say, but they probably did some prospecting, and possibly assisted in cutting roads and making other improvements.

#### FATALITIES.

Jeremiah Persons was drowned at Snowsville, Nov. 1, 1826. The aqueduct that supplied water for the old grist mill crossed the road in front of the present hotel, and a footbridge crossed the aqueduct. In crossing the aqueduct on the footbridge, he fell in and was drowned.

William P. Cleverly went from home and got lost in the woods, where he died, Dec. 4, 1847. His body was found lying against a leaning tree, near Dog River, in Roxbury, about three and one-half miles from home.

About 1838 B. F. Chamberlain was gathering beechnuts in the woods back of the house in which Lewis H. Spear lives. While shaking a tree, the limb on which he was standing broke, and he fell, breaking his neck. He lived long enough to close up his business affairs.

Israel Dolbe, son of Exeter, went into Major Ford's mill pond to bathe, and was drowned.

Edward Ellsworth was killed in 1824 in Murray Hollow, by a falling tree.

Daniel H., son of Abial Rising, about two years old, pulled a tub of hot water onto himself and was scalded to death, Oct. 5, 1847.

There have been three suicides by hanging in Braintree. In 1841, Joel Pratt, Jr., hanged himself in an out-building at Ira Kidder's (now Frederick Whitney's). Hard drinking and consequent poverty were probably the cause.



Ira Dyer, son of Samnel, tied a piece of elm bark around a pole, making a loop, and hanged himself by laying his neck in the loop.

Nathaniel Spear ended his life, Jan. 13, 1826, in an upper room in his house, which stood where Daniel V. Page lives.

James M. Chase, son of Caleb, was instantly killed by the fall of a tree, July 7, 1842, near the stream not far north of Holman's mill.

James Quinley (partially insane) was killed in the same way while slashing on the hillside back of Jason Battles's house, about 1836.

A man named William Kooms, of Roxbury, was intoxicated and sitting on the railroad track near Benj. Spear's. A train of cars ran over and tore him in pieces, about 1850.

Elijah French, on the evening of March 9, 1798, was threshing in Ebenezer White's barn, now William H. Nichols's. He climbed to the high beams and fell through the insecure flooring of poles, breaking his neck.

Flora E. Flint, aged two years, died Oct. 19, 1860, from the effect of burns caused by her clothing taking fire.

Carrie, daughter of Silas and Mary Chadwick, three years old, was scalded to death by falling into a pail of hot water.

While Solomon Coburn was rolling logs into the mill pond at Snowsville, for the purpose of floating them down to the mill, the log on which he was standing rolled and pitched him into the water and he was drowned.

On the 24th of Nov., 1831, Simeon Curtis was trying to bring down a tree that was lodged in another. It fell on him and broke his neck.

Elisha Tucker, residing on the "Kidder Place," went into his barn one evening with his dog. A cow, with a calf, made a pass at the dog, which dodged, and she stabbed Mr. Tucker instead, with her horn, so severely that he died.

Duane V. Brown, eighteen years old, was killed, Jan. 8, 1883, at West Braintree, by a falling tree under which he was driving a team with a load of wood.

The saddest event in the history of Braintree, probably, occurred in the year 1830. Benj. Franklin Killum lived with his family somewhat secluded from others in a quiet little valley near the center of the town. His wife was faithful and devoted. As years passed on, however, a strange mania seized him. He seemed to have a growing suspicion that people wished to harm him, and it seems that he suspected his wife more than any one else. He sometimes refused food that had been cooked, would take potatoes from the boiling pot and throw them one side, and would eat raw corn or something else. His children were small, but his strangeness made them afraid of him. He worked at harness making some in an upper room, and, it is said, would sometimes tantalize his wife by running the blades of his knives down beside the stovepipe. He acted much like an insane man. Sometimes, when at the worst, he would visit a neighbor, who, perhaps, would go home with him and help to cheer him up and tide him over the attack. But he grew more and more threatening and some cautioned his wife lest she might suffer injury at his hands. She expressed no fears, however, though she realized the worst.



During one of his severest attacks she was frightened and ran from him. He seized the butcher knife, caught her and cut her throat. His mother, who probably interfered, received a severe gash on the arm. At his trial the plea of insanity was entered and he was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to twenty years in the state's prison. After a few years he was pardoned out. He traversed the state for many years, repairing clocks and watches, and at last married again. He is now confined in the insane asylum for life.

### FRESHETS.

There is no definite record of any freshets, though several have occurred. The first mention of any is in the proprietors' records, a vote being taken to give James Brackett a piece of land to indemnify him for the loss of his mill by freshet, in the early history of the town.

A bare reference is made in the town records to one that occurred about 1800. Records show that great damage to highways has been sustained from them from time to time.

In August, 1828, according to the best authority, occurred a tremendous shower which carried off part of the mills at Peth, though no other locality was affected by it. Two clouds met over Mud pond and poured out their contents there. Spear's brook was suddenly raised to an unprecedented height, the water being two feet deep in some places in the road at Peth. Those mills not carried off were dislocated or had their foundations more or less disturbed. The east end of Spear's grist mill was left without support. It came so suddenly and with such fury that people at first thought the waters of Mud pond had broken loose upon them.

Probably the most terrible calamity to the town was the freshet in July, 1830. It rained three days incessantly. The streams rose very high and the branch was one large pond. Near the end of the third day the sun came out and it was thought the rain was over; but soon the skies were again overcast, and the hardest part of the storm followed. Rain fell in torrents all that fearful night. The flood took bridges, crops, mills, and all in its way. Rocks and boulders were washed down like pebbles. The next morning, the 30th, presented a scene of distress and desolation rarely equalled. Some families were rendered homeless, others were financially ruined. Major Ford was probably the greatest loser, property valued, it is said, at \$75,000 at a low estimate, being totally destroyed in one short night. In the narrowest parts of the valley of the branch, the water was twenty feet deep. David Wiley, living in the edge of Granville, lost his house and everything in it, and he and his family barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. Wiley, with three children, one a babe, went back upon the hillside and sat all night in the storm, under a huge rock, expecting every moment to be dashed to pieces by great boulders that were constantly rolling down. Since 1830 no similar event has occurred more notable, probably, than that of September, 1869, when highways and bridges sustained the most serious damage of anything in Brainerd.

## RELICS.

During the siege of Boston, in the war of the Revolution, a cannon ball fired by the Americans who were fortified at Dorchester Heights, struck a house and fell on a pile of plates, twelve in number. The top one was broken in pieces, and each of the others had a piece broken from its edge. Nancy Gooch has two of these plates, also three plates from which Gen. Washington and his party dined at the house of Israel Osborne, at Worcester, Mass., and three pewter platters bearing the initials "I. O.," which were bought for that occasion. Mrs. Osborne afterwards married Eben Wood, grandfather of Nancy, through whom they came into possession of the Gooch family. She has also Mrs. Osborne's punch bowl and a cream pitcher that belonged to Betsey King, the first woman that was married in Braintree. Mrs. Osborne's fan, nearly a foot and a half long, which was used to shade the face before parasols came in use, is also in her possession, likewise three chairs, a hundred years old, and two pictures, illustrating comically the way tax collectors were used at the time of throwing overboard the cargo of tea at Boston.

Mrs. Nelson Smith has an English china cream pitcher, with spoons to match, made in England and very diminutive in size.

## STRAY ITEMS.

Joseph Gooch, it is said, set out the first orchard, on the farm of Elisha H. Ford. He and his father joined the Patriots at the battle of Lexington, at the first alarm of Paul Revere.

Benj. Franklin Killum invented the rolling fulcrum tooth extractor.

On the 10th day of June, 1806 or 7, Major Ford and Capt. Nichols chose sides for a squirrel hunt. The parties laid their game side by side in two rows that reached from Jonathan Bass's tavern nearly to the road. Capt. Nichols's party were victors by one.

It was proposed at one time to build a canal through the state on the line of the C. V. R. R. to Burlington. In 1825 the town voted \$40 to defray the expense for the survey in Braintree, but the vote was soon after rescinded.

Several boys and girls were once "playing hang." Nahum Kenney was one of them, and it came his turn to learn how the halter felt. By that time, however, the novelty of the play had worn off, the attention of the others was diverted to something else, and Nahum was left hanging. He became black in the face and well nigh "done for" before they thought of him, and he was ever afterwards known as "Hang Nahum."

Solomon Holman made the first brick yard in front of the house in which Jonathan Holman now lives. He made brick for the chimneys in the old meeting house.

Jonathan Holman and Solomon, his son, helped survey Braintree, though the former never lived here. Jonathan also surveyed the town of Dixfield, Me.

It has been said that the first temperance organization in Orange Co. was formed in Braintree. It would be nice to prove this true. Braintree did, however, early take quite an active part in temperance work. The Washing-

tonian society was intended to help on the cause and was formed in the fall of 1833. Meetings were generally held at the old meeting house, sometimes at the Christian house at Peth, sometimes at Lyman Kidder's or John Curtis's. It "morally held its members to abstain from all intoxicating drinks (cider and wine excepted) as a beverage."

Little notice has been taken of the history of the town for the last fifty years. The "Official Record" is probably the best epitome of that history. One year is like another, and to attempt to take into account even the most important occurrences would be presuming upon the patience of the readers of this volume.

The Braintree post office was established prior to July, 1833. Noah B. Cady being first postmaster. He was removed, and Ira Kidder held the office till 1836, when L. S. Goodno was appointed postmaster and held the office till 1840. The post office was then removed to Snowsville, with B. F. Chamberlain postmaster, who held it eighteen months. Then J. P. Kidder till 1842, when Silas Chadwick was appointed, who, with his wife, who took the office after his death, held it until March 6, 1863. Jason A. French, the present incumbent, was then appointed.

## A FEW OLD PAPERS.

The following papers were selected at random from bushels of similar papers at the town clerk's office. The first was addressed to the town clerk:

"The following Persons being duly enrolled and equiped as the law directs have done Military duty in the Randolph Artillery the present season: Joseph W. French Jephtha Howard 2d Caleb N. Grow Jonathan R. Chase Horace Cobb Benjamin H. Frink James B. Battles

RANDOLPH June 23 1833

Attest

ELISHA HERRICK, *Capt'*"

Here is a district school census return, giving the number of children of school age in each family:

" Ammi Nichols.....	3	Samuel Harwood.....	1
Lyman Kidder.....	6	Moses Harwood.....	4
Isaac Bass.....	6	Ebenezer White.....	4
Nathan Harwood.....	2	David Nichols.....	3
Artemus Fitts.....	4	Jonathan Bass.....	2
Benj. Linfield.....	3	N. Henry.....	2
Roswell Handy.....	2	Samuel Harwood, Jr.,.....	4
Zion Copeland ...	6	Samuel Craig.....	1

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BRAINTREE March 1 1819

This may certify that the number of Scholars in Washington School District is Fifty-three.

SAMUEL HARWOOD Jr"

A warning to prevent paupers becoming chargeable to the town:

"STATE OF VERMONT, }  
Orange County, ss. }

To either Constable of the town of Braintree in said County, Greeting  
By the authority of the State of Vermont you are hereby commanded to

warn Benj. Wiley and family Phineas Wiley and family now residing in Braintree to depart said Town Hereof fail not but of this precept legal service and due return make according to Law.

Dated at Braintree Dec 7th 1816

WILLIAM FORD JR }  
ISAAC NICHOLS JR } *Selectmen."*

"BRAINTREE June 5 1838

This certifies that I was on the said day above, equipt, as Surgeon, according to Law. Having one horse, & all Surgical accoutrements requisite for the Station.

Att. SAMUEL CRAIG,

*Surgeon 4th Reg., 1st Brig and 4th Div."*

## IV. WHAT NOTS.

THE IMPROVISED STOVE.—When the first cast iron cook stove was brought to Braintree and its qualities had become appreciated, the people on Braintree Hill assembled to consider if some better means for warming the school house could be adopted than the broad, open fire-place. Several methods were proposed and discussed, which resulted in the construction of a mass of brick work in the center of the room, four feet square and a foot high. Upon this was placed in a reversed position a cast iron cauldron (potash kettle) which had a hole drilled in its top for the attachment of a funnel, and another in one side for the introduction of fuel. It served a good purpose for many years.

MEMORIES OF THE WAR.—John Gooch will be remembered as a queer old genius by those who lived in his time. It was said of him that when in the Revolutionary service his head was injured, his brain disturbed and his intellect somewhat impaired. Be that as it may, in talking to himself (his almost constant habit) he would in speech and gesture attack a tree or fence post, and for hours together fight his battles over again. His mock engagements were always victorious and followed by shouts of exultation and "down with the Britishers!"

Dea. Isaac Nichols and another soldier, during their service in "the war," were dispatched to cross the Hudson with a yoke of oxen on a flat boat. When near the middle of the stream the boat tipped over and they would have been drowned but for catching hold of the oxen's tails, the animals swimming ashore with them in tow. It was so cold their coats were frozen stiff when they reached a hotel not far away.

FRANCIS FIELD.—Braintree has had its notable characters, among whom was Francis Field. That he was born on Quaker Hill, or that he died there, is not known. Some, perhaps, will remember his tall, gaunt figure, bright red, curly hair, small eyes, long, aquiline nose and widespread mouth. There are on record well authenticated instances of extraordinary gormandism which seem almost incredible. Although Mr. Field did not equal some of these, yet he ranked so well among gormands that his name is entitled to a



place in the list of those who have puzzled physiologists by their feats at the table. He has been known to eat at a single meal a whole quarter of a lamb, a large dishfull of potatoes, a whole loaf of farmers' bread, followed by a dessert of two quarts of pudding and as many as twenty good-sized "nutcakes" of the old-fashioned, twisted kind, and yet his appetite was not satisfied. He would, at each of the three meals per day, devour more food than six ordinary working men, and clear the pantry of all eatables before going to bed. He had great fondness for music and composed his own, which did not rival that of Mozart by any means, but it served his purpose on all occasions, and when his songs were accompanied with the jewsharp, played by Ellery Pettis, his joy seemed complete.

THE LAST PUBLIC WHIPPING.—The last person publicly whipped in Braintree for the commission of crime, was a colored boy. It occurred on an "October training" day in front of Jonathan Pass's tavern. The boy had stolen twelve pounds of pork from a neighbor's woodshed. The trial of the culprit was brief, and conducted with that dignity and decorum which characterized the administration of justice in those times. It impressed both offender and spectators with awe. Proof was positive, and the thief was sentenced to receive "thirty lashes, to be inflicted without delay upon his naked back." On removing his tattered, striped frock (the only covering to his body) he presented himself in the ring of bystanders in the polished ebony of his primitive costume, *a la* Adam. The number of lashes was faithfully administered by Capt. Artemas Fitts, but we cannot vouch for their severity. The penitence of the young negro, his scarcity of clothing and the well known destitution of his family excited the pity of all who witnessed the proceeding, among whom was a party of ladies gazing from the upper windows of the hotel. The last blow had scarcely fallen upon his quivering flesh ere the "women folks" sent him a new shirt, and the former owner of the pork assured him he might keep it for the use of the family in the log shanty in the woods. He assumed an attitude peculiar to his race, his countenance expressing all that a Congo's eyes, nose, lips and teeth can do at the birth of a pleasant thought, and said to Capt. Fitts, "You may give me thirty lashes more for another new shirt and twelve pounds of pork."

SKUNK OR BREAD.—The colored man, Freeman, was an early settler of Braintree, and a character in his way. He built a log shanty in the forest near "Bradley's Vale," without ceiling or floor, and furnished his domicile by the work of his own hands. Shingle blocks served for seats and table, and heaps of hemlock boughs made the family bed. He fed his brood of curly heads with corn meal obtained from farmers by daily labor, and with the flesh of small game, procured by trapping. Good natured, patient and resigned, he rarely complained except from lack of variety of food. He was oft heard to say: "I am getting along very well, though it would be a trifle better if skunk and bread would come together; but it is either all skunk or all bread."

THE PASTOR'S PROPHECY.—Father Nichols once joined in holy wedlock two sisters named Mary and Eliza, to the sons of a well to do farmer who



divided his farm into equal parts and started the young men in life to provide for themselves. After they had become established and fairly entered upon the practical realities of life, the minister made them a social and pastoral call. He sipped tea and broke bread with them at table and gave them good advice and his blessing. On his return home his wife asked him how the young farmers and their wives were situated and what were their prospects for future success. He replied: "They have a good start on nearly an equal basis, but Mary and her husband will outstrip the other pair in wealth, influence and usefulness." "Why," asked his wife, who had a decided preference for Eliza. "I am convinced that it will prove so," said he, "from what occurred when the cats got into their butteries. When I was at Eliza's, puss was discovered in mischief, and the amiable young housewife gently remonstrated with the intruder upon the precincts of the larder, saying: 'Puss, I don't want you there; I rather you wouldn't; it will get you into bad habits and make me a great deal of trouble.' When at Mary's the cat entered the pantry, and the spirited mistress, siezing the broom, rushed for her, exclaiming, 'Scat! Get out of this or I'll beat your brains out!' It is needless to say which method was most successful in managing cats." Perhaps it is well to add the fact that the prophecy was fulfilled.

LOST IN THE WOODS.—John Grant, a clever, inoffensive man, used to take a visiting tour occasionally. He was no unwelcome guest, for his regular rounds were looked for with pleasure. Once he started to cross the mountain to Granville. The road was then very blind, and people were fearful that he would lose his way. Four or five days after, some one from Granville crossed over and said that John had not been seen there. It was concluded that he was lost. Parties scoured the hill in all directions, but without success. Finally an alarm was spread far and near and most of the men and boys in town rallied to the search. At length Major Ford's dog began to howl, and on going to the spot the object of the search was found, still alive, after an absence of nine days. It is singular that he had not fallen a prey to wild animals. He was almost starved, being unable to stand. Water was the first thing he called for, and one of the men brought some in a hat. Having drank heartily he begged a quid of tobacco. He said that he prayed God to send Major Ford to his relief, and he had all the time "kinder expected" He would do it.

Another instance was that of Samuel Bass, Jr., when a mere lad, there being at that time only a few settlements in Braintree. His father, Dea. Bass, went from place to place making and repairing boots and shoes wherever his services were demanded. He had a job of work to do for a man living on the Dow Herriek farm in Randolph, and he took his son, Sammel, with him. Sammel started to return home alone, his only guide being marked trees. Instead of leaving Ayer's Brook and following up Mill Brook to Peth, he continued along the former and up the little brook flowing through Silas Flint's premises, where Azro L. Adams lives. Aware that he was wrong, he yet pursued his way, hoping to find a settlement, at least a "clearing." Finally he heard the tingle of a bell, and advancing toward it, he soon found a cow with a bell

attached browsing in the forest. Driving her in whatever direction she might go, he followed, and was soon brought to Silas Flint's door.

In 1798 Hannah, wife of Capt. Isaac Nichols, Jr., living near the present residence of Allen H. Flint, started on an errand to William Vesey's, now William C. Holman's. Only marked trees were her guide. When she reached Daniel Flint's, at "Connecticut" corners, he offered to let some of his children go for her; so she turned towards home. The children did the errand, went to Capt. Nichols's, and found she had not returned. Alarm was immediately given that she was lost, and search was begun. Late in the day she went past Hope Bradley's, near where Albert Fitts lives, and Mrs. Bradley hailed her with: "Where on airth have you been? All the men in town air arter ye." Mrs. Nichols took the wrong trail and went on northward instead of south as she should, till the sun came out, for the day was cloudy, when she saw she was lost. Then, turning her course, she followed a brook which led her to the branch road, but which brook she never could tell. Here she knew where she was, and followed that road round home. Some of the men, not hearing of her return, stayed out all night. She said she expected to, till she found herself, and was looking for a hollow log to stay in.

William Parker cleverly started from home and lost his way, in December, 1847. After being missed a week or more his dead body was found on a branch of the Dog River in Roxbury, lying against a leaning tree. He was 26 years of age.

A BEAR HUNT.—The early inhabitants of Braintree often found it necessary to make united effort to get rid of bears and wolves, and for this purpose they engaged in extensive hunts. On one occasion the "ring" closed in a cornfield and two bears and a large number of foxes were found to be within it. The men became excited, and shots were made from all points, and as the ring grew smaller the range of the shots became uncomfortably close. Some more cautious, refused to proceed, and took refuge behind a log fence. Jokes were freely cracked at their expense, their course being regarded as cowardice rather than prudence, and the most of them in consequence disguised their fears and kept with the company. One, however, was not so easily influenced. He took a position behind a large stump and told the crowd to pass on. But the "crowd" suddenly became conscious that the skulker was essential to the success of the enterprise. After trying various measures and threatening the poor fellow he was finally induced to proceed; but his fears soon overcame him again. He dodged behind a stook of corn, and was proof against all persuasion to leave his covert. It was evident that fear was working powerfully on his nerves. Seeing this, John Burrage seized a club and going around to the opposite side of the stook the moment a gun was fired, struck it, knocking the stook and the man over together. Frightened now almost out of his wits, the fellow yelled: "Mercy! Lord! I am shot!" Burrage rolled the corn off him, and putting on an anxious expression, asked with apparent concern: "Sam, are you hurt?" "Yes, John, I am done for. I am shot in the back." "Perhaps you are not seriously hurt after all; see if you can get up." "I can't, I know I can't; you'll have to carry me home." "Try, Sam, and

see if you can't stand, I'll help you." So, being lifted to his feet, Sam. after due examination became convinced, to his great joy and as great mortification, that he was "sound as a nut," and the matter was settled to the infinite merriment of all concerned. In the meantime the rest of the party had dispatched the bears and all the foxes except a dozen or more. One of the latter wore a bell and was supposed to have been a pet in some family—no uncommon thing—from which it had escaped. The bears were sold at auction and the proceeds given to a Widow Ellsworth, who had recently lost her husband, he being killed by the fall of a tree.

DIGGING FOR MONEY.—Ashbel Tucker built a saw mill at Snowsville, and being involved in some financial difficulty, was obliged to sell it. One night he dreamed three times (waking up each time and telling his wife about it) that he went down Ayer's brook as far as John Hutchinson's land, and saw a man walking about. Crossing to the west side, as he thought, he spoke to the man, who told him that a person had put money into his (the man's) hands; that it was not called for; and that he had kept it as long as he wished, and had buried it near by. After dreaming this the third time, he sprang from bed and went down stream, and (the story runs) saw the very man walking about whom he had seen in his dream. Startled that so much of his dream should prove true, Tucker dared not cross the stream and speak, but turned homeward. Passing by Havelin Truesdale's, who lived where Jonah Loomis does, it being then before light, he was asked where he had been so early. Whereupon he told Truesdale his dream. Truesdale mentioned two men in Northfield who had a mineral rod, and expressed the belief that they could find the money. Tucker got him to go after them, and they came and began the search. They thought they found the spot where the "pot" of money was and dug for it. When near it, as they supposed, the pot moved, the ground being seen to rise and fall in the direction in which the treasure took its departure. Tucker and Truesdale vouched for this fact. The Northfield men refused to work longer. Truesdale afterwards obtained a rod, and finding it would "work" in the hands of Richard Lethbridge, the search was continued from time to time. Once several men were engaged in it, and had the money cornered up within a small space and surrounded by old scythes stuck upright in the ground to prevent its escape. The digging was proceeding with earnestness. Among those standing by was Silas Flint, Jr., who is said always to have entertained the belief that he should die rich. Silas did not wish the diggers to secure the prize. So when they were pretty near it, he pulled up one of the scythes, and immediately the money escaped through the "opening." Lethbridge distinctly saw the ground to rise and sink in the path of the moving pot. People went there in the night to dig, and considerable excitement was occasioned first and last, till finally John Hutchinson forbade further digging on his farm.

GARRISON'S VISIT.—About the middle of October, 1862, William Lloyd Garrison and his friend, Oliver Johnson, who was then editor of the *Anti-Slavery Standard*, visited Braintree, remaining several days the guests of Mr.

and Mrs. James Hutchinson, Jr. Mr. Garrison was requested by some of the people to speak the next Sunday and he readily complied. Efforts were first made to secure for him the use of one of the church edifices at West Randolph, but neither of the religious societies there would consent to such request. Application was then made to Rev. Ammi Nichols for the Braintree Hill meeting house. He consented, and the society acquiescing, Mr. Garrison was invited to speak there the following Sunday. It proved to be one of those charming autumn days, when nature, at her prettiest, wore her most bewitching smile, and could not fail to address the heart as well as the eye. Mr. Garrison reached the school-house at the top of the hill, and, catching a view of the surrounding hills, he turned to his companions and said: "Now, let us stop and worship." Upon Quaker Hill, that day, gathered people of this town and many from surrounding towns. Some came twenty miles to hear the great abolitionist, who was doing more than any other man in the nation to arouse it to a sense of the danger, the disgrace, the iniquity of slavery. Scarcely ever before had a larger audience gathered at that meeting house; never since has so large an assembly met on the old hill until the centennial celebration. Mr. Garrison's appeal for the slave was earnest and effective. He expressed his deep admiration of the beautiful panorama of hills and mountains around him, saying that such a country could be peopled only by those who love liberty, and since they insist on freedom for themselves they should insist on freedom for all others also.

A MINISTERIAL JOKE.—Elder Huntington was short in stature and carried his head quite low, but Rev. Mr. Cleveland was tall and straight. Once they were traveling together on horseback and Mr. Cleveland said to the elder: "What makes you always go with your head down? If you would hold it up people would think more of you." After a few moments of silence they came to a wheat field. "You see that field of wheat?" said the elder. "Well, you see that some heads stand up straight and others hang down. Those that hang down are filled with wheat, but those that stand up have nothing but chaff."

THE DIFFERENCE.—During court session at Chelsea, about the year 1840, the lawyers and officers were getting off their jokes one evening as was their frequent custom. Ira Kidder and others from Braintree were there, and Braintree was getting rather the worst of it at the hands of the Randolph boys, Judge Perrin remarking that Braintree was accustomed to send its inhabitants to Windsor, and another, that it had many more that ought to go there. etc. "Well," said Kidder, "Braintree did send Ephraim H. to Windsor for stealing honey which he never stole, but 'Squire Enoch H., of Randolph, did help steal Uncle Jed French's bee-tree, and then took false oath in court, was arraigned for perjury and put under bonds for his appearance at the county court. But Randolph, instead of sending him to Windsor, did its best the next September to send him to the Vermont legislature. That's the difference between Randolph and Braintree."

'MIAH HEATH'S BANK.—Nehemiah Heath, called 'Miah for short, lived near Bradley Corner. He was shrewd, ignorant and more or less destitute of



honor. He was bound to get his living at the expense of others. In 1833 'Miah hit upon a plan which, if successful, would make him quite snug, financially. So he called his friends together and they organized themselves into a company or bank, with 'Miah as president. The "directors'" meetings were called by the sound of a long tin horn. The "bank" was located in some secret little nook in Bradley Hollow, and was soon in working order. An old iron chest, filled with cast-iron, weighing probably about two hundred pounds, was the "bank." A common report, generally believed among backwoodsmen, was that there was a place in Canada where silver half-dollars could be had for fifty cents on a dollar. 'Miah filled his pocket with silver fresh from Montpelier bank and sold it to his neighbors, a dollar's worth for fifty cents, saying that he got it in Canada. Of course the "directors" soon thought best to send 'Miah to Canada for more silver, and they raised about \$200 for this purpose. He managed to be long enough in going to Montpelier and back to go to Canada and return. Then the horn was again sounded and the "directors" were instantly at the post of duty. To have no possible misunderstanding some of the silver was tested and, of course, was found genuine. Boys were invited to lift on the old chest to convince them that it contained worlds of riches. The scheme was thus advertised, and not a few were induced to invest from one to three hundred dollars in "Canada" silver. As such a scheme is necessarily short lived, the "directors" suddenly found it necessary to do business on a much larger scale. 'Miah and Gen. B., one of the "directors," obtained about \$1,500 from their victims in advance. Then 'Miah took the chest and started for Canada by way of Ohio, and was at a safe distance before the stockholders knew that they had been lured. And mourners daily went about the streets.

The fact is, very little of that money went into Heath's pocket, and he was made the headpiece of the concern that the "directors" might the better shield themselves. Efforts were now made to find some clew that would lead to the arrest and conviction of those implicated in the crime. Gen. B. and Capt. F. were arrested and tried before Justice Calvin Blodgett, two or three of the victims being called as witnesses. It soon appeared from the testimony that Capt. F. was innocent, and he was acquitted, but the case was strong against Gen. B. William Vesey was evidently one of the "directors," for he had been frequently seen going toward the "bank" with Gen. B., and soon after it closed he left the state in disguise, and lured Daniel Waite, Jr., his bondsman as constable, to the tune of \$1000 or more, and joined Heath in Ohio. Gen. B. was put under bonds for his appearance at court. As the time of trial drew near he began to devise some plan to save himself. At the justice trial a Mr. L. testified that Gen. B. advised him to let 'Miah have all the money he could spare because it was a money-making thing. Gen. B. went to L. and said: "If you testify at the County Court as you did at the justice trial you'll send me to state's prison. Now if you'll go into court and say you was mistaken, that some other person influenced you to buy stock, I'll pay you whatever sum you ask." To this L. consented. On the morning of the trial Gen. B., with two witnesses, called L., and asked: "How much money do you want of me? Will forty dollars do?" L. said: "I should like fifty," and re-



ceived that amount and testified in court as he had agreed. Gen. B. went clear. A few weeks after he called on L. and said: "I would like that money I lent you at Chelsea." "I never borrowed any money of you. That money was paid me for testifying." "You did borrow fifty dollars," said Gen. B., "and I can prove it, and you can have one week to raise the money." And L. had to borrow the money and cash over.

## V. PERSONAL SKETCHES.

[While preference has been given to sketches of early settlers, yet no one has been denied a place, of whom the requisite facts for personal mention have been given us. It is desirable that this department be made as full as possible; but we have been wholly dependent on others for the necessary data, and because these have not been given, is the reason why many deserving names do not appear.]

### REV. AMMI NICHOLS

Was the youngest of ten children, of whom seven arrived at maturity. He was only seven years old when his father removed to Braintree, the whole region then being an almost unbroken wilderness. The educational and religious privileges of his youth were very few. There were scarcely any schools for a number of years, and then for a long time only two months annually in the winter. To attend these, the pupils were obliged to travel from one to three miles, and break their own roads through storms and snows. Added to this were the privations, hardships and dangers necessarily incident to a new settlement in the more or less unsettled condition of things after the close of a long war. Very soon after the accession of his father's family to the settlement, reading or "deacons'" meetings were established on the Sabbath, and were well sustained, especially in the summer. There was no organized church for seven years, and no ordained minister nearer than Royalton. In December, 1794, a church was formed, but, except one year, regular preaching was not enjoyed for thirteen years, when Mr. Nichols himself became pastor of the church. Rev. Elijah Lyman of Brookfield, and Elder Huntington on "the Branch," preached at rare intervals. When eleven years old he was prostrated by a second severe attack of bilious fever (the first having occurred at the age of seven) which resulted in a partial paralysis of his right limbs, and seriously disabled him for his whole life. His prospects were now very gloomy. His father, though desirous of aiding him to obtain a further education, was unable to do so, and his own taste and energy were his chief resources. A spelling-book, a dictionary and an arithmetic, with the limited attendance enjoyed at district school, were his only advantages till he was eighteen. Then having quite thoroughly mastered the elementary branches, he ventured to teach, and met with a success that placed his services in constant demand for several years. At twenty-one he united with the Congregational church, and was then strongly advised to prepare for the ministry. This was consonant with his own desires, but he saw no way to accomplish it. He continued to teach winters, and to study as he was able in the summer. He began Latin, but

finally decided that in his circumstances it was not wise to go on with classics. He next studied with Mr. Tilton Eastman of Randolph, and Rev. Stephen Fuller of Vershire, and then began the study of theology with Rev. Asa Burton, D. D., of Thetford. This was his preparatory training for the ministry. He received the customary license to preach from the Orange Association, Jan. 9, 1805, in his twenty-fourth year. He went soon after to Weymouth, Mass., and studied a short time, preaching in the meantime at Old Braintree. A few months after he took a public school of eighty pupils in Braintree, still continuing to preach. Eight months were thus spent, and he then returned home. Having obtained a commission for six months from the Massachusetts Missionary Society to labor in destitute places in Vermont and northern New York, he spent a few weeks in Vermont, then went to Elizabethtown, N. Y., thence to Plattsburgh, Ogdensburgh, Black River, etc., and returned by the same route. His labors resulted in a revival of religion at several places. On reaching home he was invited to preach on probation for settlement. At length a call was given which he accepted, and he was ordained and installed pastor Sept. 23, 1807. From the first this was a hard field to cultivate. Peculiar obstacles were encountered. The people were few and poor, and greatly scattered, and besides, the earliest settlers were of different religious denominations, and many of their prejudices and jealousies were long retained. But Mr. Nichols entered upon his pastorate with energy and tact; he was ardent and abundant in his labors; and the Lord gave some prosperity.

At his settlement he was encouraged to expect a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars besides a lot of ministerial land. The town finally refused the latter, and the former was never fully paid. Arrearages increased every year. He succeeded, however, in purchasing a small farm, which aided in the support of his family at the same time that it increased his care. In 1809 he was chosen town clerk and held the office continuously till 1847. This was intended as a mark of courtesy, and as a favor to him pecuniarily; but the sum realized was very small in comparison with the labor and time required. At length want became so oppressive that he was obliged to think seriously of seeking another field. When this purpose was announced to his people, they could not consent, but proposed that he should retain his relation, with the privilege of laboring elsewhere to such extent as would be necessary for his comfortable support. He labored successfully a portion of the time for a series of years with five different churches in the vicinity, viz: Warren, Roxbury, Bethel, Barnard and West Randolph, and also with the Baptist church. He became widely and familiarly known as "Father Nichols." There was something in his manner and spirit which always elicited the best sympathies of those with whom he came in contact.

In 1846 Mr. Nichols went to Dover, Ill., where he was soon invited to supply the pulpit of the Congregational church. He sent back to Braintree a request for dismission, which was granted March 23, 1847. He remained at Dover seven years. In 1853 he returned to find the little church without a pastor, and weakened by deaths and removals. At their request he began

again to supply the pulpit, and continued to do so, with the exception of two or three intervals occasioned by sickness, until September, 1865, when the infirmities of age demanded cessation from active service. At the time of his death he was the oldest Congregational minister in Vermont.

During his pastorate were several revivals. The first was in 1812, of which few records now remain; the second, in 1816, was very extensive, reaching the whole region around; the third, in 1820, somewhat less extensive; and the fourth in 1831-3, the effects of which are felt to this day. He received into the church, mostly by profession, an aggregate of about one hundred and sixty members.

For many years, although suffering at last from that loathsome and painful disease, cancer, he calmly anticipated the summons of the Master. His faith was severely tried; it could not be shaken. The summons found him ready. All was calm and peaceful, and the scene closed in triumph. His death occurred near the hour of the setting sun, on Sabbath eve, Aug. 24, 1873, a day and an hour most suggestive and fitting for the entrance of the soul upon the Sabbath rest of heaven.

One or two marked characteristics of Mr. Nichols should not be left unmentioned. He was a man of unaffected humility and self distrust. No one long intimate with him could fail to notice this trait. Indeed, it was sometimes so extreme as to become almost a blemish in his otherwise well-rounded character. Yet he would never compromise the truth or shrink from any hardship or personal duty if once convinced that sacrifice was demanded. In a private conversation not long before his death, alluding to the embarrassment he had always experienced from his lack of a thorough preparatory education for his work, he said: "How often have I been discouraged, and at times tempted to abandon it! And I should have done so but for the encouragement of the apostle, that God had chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise." He was remarkable, too, as a man of prayer. He felt and daily illustrated its power. With what simplicity and fervor he was wont to plead for covenanted mercies upon his dear people and the individual members of his numerous household, none can know but those who have themselves heard him. And here is one of the most precious memories that remain of his later life.

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#### REV. ELIJAH HUNTINGTON.

[Copied, in part, from his Journal.]

"I was born in Mansfield, Conn., Aug. 21, 1763, of Christopher and Mary Huntington. At the age of sixteen I enlisted into the army, and at the close of the war (Revolutionary) I returned home, having served about three years. After this I was employed in school teaching; first, in Norwich, Vt., then several years in Tunbridge. In August, 1790, I was hopefully converted, and some months after was baptized by Elder J. Hebard of Royalton. No person had ever before that been baptized (immersed) in Braintree, and I had never seen but one person baptised in my life. Soon after I joined the Baptist church in Royalton, under the pastoral care of Elder Hebard. In



December, 1792, I married Sally Field of Tunbridge, who died November, 1794. During my connection with her I taught school in Royalton. About that time the brethren of the church requested me to improve my gifts in preaching. In the summer of 1795, being strongly solicited, I consented to preach at an appointment made for me at Tunbridge. It was not without trials that I complied with this request. From this time doors were open for my improvements, and I continued to preach from place to place, teaching school winters, till the spring of 1797. Then being requested to teach in Braintree, and to preach to them, they being destitute, I complied and commenced the school in June, 1797. On the 18th of June, 1800, I was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Braintree."

The school house in which the people held their religious meetings stood where John Pratt now lives, and being too small to contain the congregation assembled to witness the ordination services, they retired to a large rock a little northwesterly of the school house and held the services there. Elder Huntington married, June, 1801, Lydia Parmly, formerly of Newtown, Conn. About this time he built and moved into a house, in which he ever after lived. As a neighbor, he was ready to assist the needy, to sympathize with the afflicted, and to do good to all; ever striving for the things that make for peace in neighborhood and town. He was highly esteemed as a good and faithful minister of the Gospel, "not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God." The first year after his ordination he baptized about forty persons, the fruits of his labors. His journal gives accounts of holding meetings and baptizing in Bethel, Royalton, Tunbridge, Chelsea, Brookfield, Randolph, Roxbury, Northfield, Warren, Waitsfield, Williamstown, Kingston (Granville), and Rochester. In 1816 there was a great religious awakening in Braintree, and he baptized between August and December more than eighty. He died in the thirty-third year of his ministry.

Two of his sons entered the Baptist ministry:

1. JOSEPH, who graduated at Middlebury college, and from the theological institute at Newton, Mass., about 1840. He preached in Williamstown about three years, dying of consumption in 1843; he was highly esteemed as "a workman that needed not to be ashamed."

2. ADONIRAM JUDSON, who, after completing his collegiate and ministerial studies, preached successively in Virginia, Chelsea, Mass., and Augusta, Ga. But, his health failing, he gave up the ministry, and has been for many years Professor of Languages in Columbian college, Washington, D. C.

ELIJAH, Jr., by his first wife, served in the war of 1812, but was soon discharged on account of illness. Soon after he began to teach; first, in Braintree, then in New York, and finally at Delaware, Ohio, where he taught nine years in succession. Having married, he settled at Perrysburg, Ohio, and held important county offices till his death in 1854.

CHRISTOPHER attended district school till he was eighteen, then a short time at Randolph academy; at nineteen, he began teaching and taught twenty winters in succession, nineteen of them in only four districts. Summers he worked out by the month farming till 1826, when he bought two lots



of wild land, where he now lives. In 1857 he was candidate for representative and was declared elected by one majority. After the announcement of the result, a belated voter presented his ballot which was accepted by the presiding officer, making the result a tie and it was so declared. Mr. Huntington refused to contest the election.

ELIJAH, son of Christopher, studied dentistry with Dr. Palmer, at Newport, and after practicing several years went to Philadelphia Dental College. Graduating in 1872, he settled at West Randolph and worked successfully at his trade till a short time before his death, 1877.

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#### DEA. ZION COPELAND

Was of Puritan stock. His ancestor, Lawrence Copeland, was one of the "Pilgrim fathers," who landed on Plymouth rock in 1620. If the writer is correctly informed, his father, David, removed from Athol, Mass., to Bethel with the first settlers of that town. Zion removed from Bethel to Braintree about 1789, then not far from twenty years of age, and married, in 1793, Miss Polly Harwood. He bought the farm now owned by John Finn, in the eastern part of the town, on which he erected a cheap dwelling and began work as a farmer, which pursuit he followed through life. In their early history, in common with others, he and his wife endured many hardships and privations. Sometimes, when the crops were cut short by frost or otherwise, they were reduced to great extremities. Having themselves suffered greatly from poverty and want, they conceived the plan of placing each of their children in such circumstances as would in after life "keep the wolf from the door," and enable each to avoid looking towards the poor-house.

On attaining majority, each son received \$700 and each daughter \$400. The parents trusted in Providence to enable them to secure, by frugality and honest industry, rather than by speculative schemes, the "wherewithal" for this "setting out," and to that end they bent all their energies. Their sole ambition was to accomplish this settled purpose rather than to amass great riches, not knowing who would gather them. With strict economy and untiring effort they were able to carry out their plan. During all this time, however, their hands were open to aid the poor and needy, and to help advance religious and other benevolent causes. During a religious awakening in the Baptist church, of which Rev. Mr. Huntington was for many years pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Copeland made a profession of religion and united with that church. He was chosen one of the deacons. Some years after Dea. Copeland and his wife saw fit to sever their connection with the Baptist church and unite with the Methodists. As meeting houses belonging to Methodists were scarce, Dea. Copeland opened his house for public preaching, which was continued for twenty years. He was one of the few who took part in the first temperance movement in Braintree, and was always thereafter its staunch friend and advocate.

Dea. Copeland was the father of fourteen children, of whom twelve, seven sons and five daughters, attained to adult age. Four of his sons were ministers, all Methodists.

1. John began preaching at twenty-two, in western New York, and served in the ministry fifty-eight years.

2. David began about the same age, in Maine, and preached fifty-five years.

3. Edmund entered the ministry at twenty-two and continued therein, at Montpelier, Barre, etc., forty-eight years.

4. Andrew J. engaged in the work at twenty-four and "continues until this present" at Chelsea, though retired from active ministerial service.

Only two of the family are now living, Andrew and Addison. The name has become nearly extinct in Braintree, Orin B. and his son being all that remain of that family.

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#### DEA. SAMUEL BASS

Moved into Braintree the latter part of May, 1785, and his was the second family to settle here. He came from Braintree, Mass., but not directly, having resided several years at Hadley, and a shorter time at Cornish, N. H. His wife, it is said, rode into town horseback on a feather bed. At first he lived in a log house that he built near a spring a few rods westerly of the brook at Peth, afterwards known as Bass's brook. The spring is now in a three-cornered lot, south of the bridge, owned by Eleazer Bass. Subsequently he built the framed house now owned and formerly occupied by Apollos Sharp, in which he lived and died. Dea. Bass was ever found a genial, upright man. When the Congregational church was formed in 1794, he and his wife, Elizabeth, were two of its eight original members. He was elected one of the first deacons of the church August 22, 1801, and remained in that office till his death, 39 years. A single instance goes to show that he had correct ideas of duty, even in those days of Puritan strictness. He owned a farm in the north part of the town. One year, in May or June, some time after cattle had been turned to pasture, there came a heavy snow storm. He woke up Sunday morning to find the ground covered with a considerable depth of snow. Mounting his horse, he rode to his farm directly past the old meeting house, shunning the eyes of no one, and cared for his stock. The fracture of church rules regarding Sunday appeared so palpable that he was charged with breaking its sacredness, and the matter was brought before the church. He listened to all the complaints against him and replied: "Brethren, I am very sorry that I have hurt your feelings; but if the same should happen again, I must say that I should again do the same; for I cannot see my cattle starve to death." His "confession," it is said, was satisfactory. In addition to the work of his farm, he was much engaged in shoe making. He was very fond of singing, and used to teach singing schools and for many years was church chorister. It is said that in his later years, when at church, a tune sung just right would completely overcome him with enthusiasm, and he would rise up and face the choir and act as if he could not get enough of it. His wife was accustomed to sit very erect in church, with her eyes closed. He "raised" a large family of children, of whom Hiram was the first-born in Braintree; Sarah and Anna were excellent singers; Moses had the oddity, it is said, of

never giving a direct answer to a question. One man bét with another that he could extort a direct answer. Finding Moses about to butcher, he asked: "Are you going to kill your hogs to-day?" and was answered: "I've got to catch 'em first." Samuel and Seth were the most business-like of all the boys, and each acquired a comfortable competence. Dea. Bass was unable to educate his children more than at the district schools, as they were; but they were honorable and respected. He died of cancer on the nose at the good old age of 92½.

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### DEA. ISAAC NICHOLS

Was the son of Isaac, who was also the son of Isaac; and the name was further handed down to the following generation. He was a native of Sutton, Mass., and removed with his parents to Royalton in the early settlement of the latter place. He was colonel in the Revolutionary war and was at the battle of Bennington, and at Saratoga at the surrender of Burgoyne. In the winter of 1786-7 he emigrated with his family to Vermont, stopping at Bethel. He and his older sons went to Braintree, took up a lot of land, it being the Alban's hill lot on Quaker Hill, and built a log house near the apple trees at the top of the hill, covering it with spruce bark. Then returning, he brought the rest of his family to their new home in the following October. At that time there were not more than five families permanently settled within the limits of the town. The burning of Royalton had taken place but a few years before, and the savages even at this time had but just been finally expelled. To increase the hardships of the new comers, the crops were so injured by an early frost in the second or third year after their arrival, as to cause great suffering during the following season. Several families had no means of subsistence but the milk of a single cow, a quantity of wheat bran, and what they could obtain from the streams and the forests.

In 1791 Dea. Nichols was elected the first representative from Braintree, and was re-elected to that office several times. He and his wife were original members of the church formed in 1794, and, with Dea. Bass, he was elected deacon of the church August 22, 1801, serving in that capacity 21 years. He was a man of strict integrity and held many places of trust in the town. Circumstances prevented him from doing more for his children than their simple support. Samson lived several years before attaining his majority with a man in Royalston, Mass., who gave him a fair education, and he was for many years surveyor of Orange county. He assisted in surveying and laying out Braintree and Randolph, and held much town office. Isaac, Jr., was a bright business man, was much in responsible office, and was sent to the legislature a number of times. He was very large and muscular, and has been seen to lift a barrel of cider into a wagon with one hand helped by his leg. Isaac was the first white male child born in Royalston, Mass. He came to Braintree in 1792-3. Abner and Caleb were well-to-do farmers.

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DORCAS (SIBLEY) NICHOLS,

Wife of Isaac, and the mother of Rev. Ammi, lived to the remarkable age of 104 years, 10 mos., and 20 days. On her 100th birthday, a centennial meeting was held in the old meeting house, and she walked in ahead of the procession. Rev. Daniel Wild of Brookfield preached the sermon. At this time "she retained her mental faculties to a remarkable degree. She was a woman of remarkable amiability and a devoted Christian."

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SAMUEL HARWOOD

Came to Braintree early in its settlement, from Sutton, Mass. He drove hither two cows, and brought a few potatoes in his pockets. The potatoes were planted, and yielded the first year about two and a half bushels, nearly all of which were kept for seed. The next year he raised a good supply of potatoes and also of turnips. The milk of the cows (which were turned out to browse), a few potatoes and leaks comprised the chief part of the food of the family for some time. The business of Moses, his son, was to follow the cows and return them at night. Oftentimes he would eat a lump of maple sugar and drink a little milk in the morning, and have nothing more except leaks all day. The first summer Mr. Harwood cut bushes and planted beans and sowed a little barley; that fall he had land cleared on which he sowed winter wheat, and in the following year the harvest made him in comfortable circumstances. He first lived in a log house that stood near the spot where he afterwards built a framed house, at the first bend of the road below Harrison H. Harwood's. He bought a great deal of land from first to last, and gave a lot to each of his children; to Polly, the lot Dea. Copeland lived on; to Moses, the farm now owned by H. H. Harwood; to Samuel, Jr., the farm on which he lived and died, now owned by Ira Harwood; to Nathan, the home farm, Judson H. Fitts present owner; and to Aaron, what is now the Gooch farm at Snowsville, on which he built a cider brandy distillery near the site of the hotel. But Nathan's wife objected to living with his parents, and in consequence he and Moses exchanged farms. One incident of Mr. Harwood's life that is related shows that he was spirited and quick witted. He once called at a house in Salem, Mass., at a time before the witchcraft excitement had completely died out. The signal for hanging a witch was, "Here's the man, here's the man!" or "Here's the woman!" as the case might be. The lady of the house cried out, "Here's the man!" He seized the fire poker and in a threatening manner demanded her to recall the statement or he would beat out her brains. She apologized, saying she was *mistaken in the man*, which she was most decidedly. His quickness and firmness saved his life. Mr. Harwood held office more or less all his life. A marked characteristic was his patience and piety. The last fifty years of his life were burdened with a cancer. It first appeared on his left shoulder, near the neck, and he called it his death warrant. The cancer was drawn out four times, and it as often reappeared, each time higher up on the neck and face, the last time on his nose. After forty years of trouble with it, he remarked that the Lord had given him a respite of forty years. At last, at the age of eighty-seven, he was "gathered home."



## DR. SAMUEL W. THAYER

Received his primary education at the district school in his native town, Braintree, Mass. Subsequently he was under the instruction of Master Tileston, a celebrated teacher of the times, who was patronized by the elder John Adams. After completing his course of studies under Master Tileston, he took charge of the high school in Quincy, which was under his direction three years. He then studied medicine with Drs. Alden and Weld. In 1810 he came to Braintree and settled on Quaker Hill, where Jonathan W. Belcher now lives, and where all his children were born, and here he continued the practice of his profession until the autumn of 1832. For several years during the autumn he gave instruction to a class of young men preparatory to their teaching in the winter. In 1834 Dr. Thayer removed to Thetford, the principal reason of the change being to afford his children better opportunities for education. He received, in 1852, a partial shock of paralysis which incapacitated him afterwards for the practice of his profession. Soon after he went to Burlington, where he resided till his death. He was characterized by kindness and benevolence, strong attachment to his friends, strict integrity and unwavering honesty. He died as he had lived—in the Christian faith—lamented by all who knew him.

## DR. SAMUEL W. THAYER, JR.,

Obtained his early instruction at private schools in the "Nichols neighborhood," at the "old school house on the hill," at his father's house under the tutorship of Jeremiah Flint, and at the neighboring school districts where that excentric school master "taught the young idea how to shoot" without sparing the rod. He also attended the academies at Randolph and Thetford, and taught district school several winters in Thetford and neighboring towns. He fitted for Dartmouth college, but circumstances prevented his entering, and at eighteen he began the study of medicine, graduating from the Vermont medical college in June, 1838. After practicing a few years at West Randolph and Northfield, Dr. Thayer settled at the latter place, where "he soon acquired an enviable reputation for medical and surgical skill, and established an extensive practice." He was likewise a student of natural history, and made a large and valuable collection of Vermont minerals and shells. In the spring of 1854 he settled permanently at Burlington.

The medical department of Vermont University at Burlington finally closed doors for want of patronage. In 1850, and again in 1852, Dr. Thayer endeavored without success to re-establish it. In March, 1853, a faculty of four professors was formed, but nearly all soon retired. He renewed his efforts and finally succeeded. For several months he delivered two lectures daily, dissected at night by candle light, besides attending to his professional duties. From this time the college grew and prospered, and in its growth and prosperity Dr. Thayer served long and faithfully. In January, 1854, he was elected Dean, and Professor of Theory and Practice; in 1855, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, which chair he occupied till 1871. At the time of his death he was Dean, re-elected in 1879, and Emeritus Professor of Anatomy

and Physiology. In 1866 Dartmouth college conferred upon him the degree of A. M., and in 1877 Vermont University that of LL. D.

Dr. Thayer traveled extensively. He visited Nova Scotia and the British Provinces in 1855; in 1867, Great Britain, France, Austria and Italy; in 1869 he made a tour of the great Northwest; in 1874, in Europe again; four months of 1876 he spent on Bermuda Island, returning by way of Cuba; and in 1878 he made a trip around the globe by way of San Francisco, Japan, India and Europe.

During the late war Dr. Thayer took an active part in the home service, and after severe engagements ministered to the wounded at various military posts. Gov. Fairbanks made him chairman of the state board of medical examiners in 1861, in which capacity "he personally examined every medical officer appointed by the Governor to positions in Vermont regiments," besides making many examinations of enlisted men. In 1862 he was attached to the Governor's staff, and put in charge of the medical department of the volunteer service to appoint surgeons and assistants for Vermont regiments. The legislature created, in 1864, the office of Surgeon General, and Dr. Thayer was appointed to fill the place with the rank of Brigadier-General. "The office was a new one, with neither precedent or organization," but the doctor brought to it the energy and comprehension that characterized all his doings, "and the department was soon in a sound condition, ready at a moment's notice to send new medical officers to the field, promote those already there, furnish information to the friends of the sick and wounded, and in other ways to contribute to the health and happiness of the troops." At the close of the war he was "breveted for meritorious services."

In 1863 Gov. Smith sent Dr. Thayer as bearer of dispatches to President Lincoln, Secretary-of-War Stanton and Maj.-Gen. Dix, to procure the means and to receive authority to place the northern frontier of Vermont in a state of defence against a party of southern refugees and others in Canada, who were organized to invade the state. His mission was successful, and the plan to burn towns and plunder banks was foiled. A year after, a remnant of that party raided St. Albans.

About 1867 he performed an amputation on one of the Harlow bridge victims, and was poisoned by means of a scratch or pimple on one hand. Finally his strength became fatally impaired. In the spring of 1882 he traveled in the west two or three months, returned somewhat improved, and resumed his practice. But so weakened was his vitality that he gradually failed till his death, November 14, 1882.

Generous and sincere, Dr. Thayer was at the command of the rich, the poor, *all* who needed his services. He never engaged in politics, or amassed a fortune; his time and strength were devoted to his profession. The work which he performed gratuitously was immense, and his demise was a personal loss to many.

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#### JAMES CARY BARREL THAYER

Entered the store of Gov. Charles Paine & Co. at Northfield in 1840, and has ever since been engaged more or less in mercantile pursuits. Since 1869

he has been treasurer, and for several years past active manager of the Northfield Savings Bank.

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### RUSH BROOK THAYER

Prepared for college at Thetford, studied law, and began the practice of his profession at Manchester, N. H. He was regarded as having more than ordinary ability. After little more than a year of successful work, with a bright prospect before him, he was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs and soon died.

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### DARWIN THAYER

Engaged when quite young in railroad pursuits on the Vermont Central and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern. Since 1870 he has been superintendent of the Dunkirk, Fort Warren & Pittsburg R. R., residing at Fredonia, N. Y.

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### DR. SAMUEL CRAIG

Settled in Braintree in 1805. He was a man of marked excentricity of character, a successful practitioner of medicine, kind hearted, liberal to the poor, and an affectionate husband and father. Although he outlived the ordinary period of life work, his habits of temperance, added to a good constitution, enabled him to render useful service near to the end of his life.

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### CAPT. SAMUEL GEORGE P. CRAIG,

Only son of Dr. Craig, studied law with Hon. J. P. Kidder and settled at St. Paul, Minn. After a short time he returned to his native state and opened a law office at West Randolph. A few years after he accepted the cashiership of Royalton bank. He enlisted as a private in Co. G, 8th Vt. Vols., was promoted captain, and was a brave officer. He was wounded in battle, and, after a severe and prolonged illness, died at Opelousas, La., in 1863. His name is enrolled with the "Honored Dead."

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### JOHN KIDDER

Was of English, and his wife of Scotch descent. He settled in Braintree in 1792 on what is known as the "Kidder lot," and through which was the "Kidder road," the old highway from Quaker Hill to West Randolph, now discontinued. Eleven children graced his fireside. Three sons and two daughters were successful teachers, and each has taught the "Connecticut Corners" school, being for several years the only teachers that district would hire. The Kidders, as a race, were large and robust. Of his children,

LYMAN almost constantly held some important town office, was justice of the peace over twenty years, was sent nine times to the legislature, and twice a delegate to state constitutional conventions. He was a devoted Christian, and for about twenty years was deacon of the Christian church. His wife, "Sister Kidder" as she was commonly called, was a lady of supe-

rior intellect, whose piety, Christian virtues and goodness of heart were seldom excelled, if equaled. The exalted purity of her life adorned even her Christian character. Lyman, Jr., went, soon after his marriage, to Darien, N. Y., and thence to Star Prairie, Wis. In both states he was justice of the peace and held county and town offices.

IRA was a bright, intelligent man, of a kind and generous disposition. A leading politician, he had many friends who were devotedly attached to him. He was much in office, twice represented the town in the legislature, and in 1850 was first assistant judge of the county court.

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### JEFFERSON PARISH KIDDER

Studied and practiced law; held more or less town office; in 1841 represented the town in a constitutional convention; was state's attorney for Orange county during the years 1843-7; was state senator in 1847-8, receiving in the latter year the honorary degree of A. M. from Vermont University. He fitted for college at the Orange County Grammar School, Randolph; graduated from Norwich University, and afterwards became tutor in that institution. He began the study of law with B. F. Chamberlain of Snowsville. This gentleman was accidentally killed while Mr. Kidder was a student in his office. Upon the completion of his law studies he entered upon the practice of his profession in Snowsville. He remained in that village several years, attending to his law practice and filling various offices of trust in the town. About 1845 he removed to West Randolph, opened a law office, and continued a resident of the village until 1857. In 1857 he removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, and in 1865 to the Territory of Dakota, of which he was a citizen until his death.

Judge Kidder has been a public man during a large portion of his adult life. He secured the passage of an act in the legislature throwing the burden of the support of prisoners in jail, charged with criminal offenses, upon the state, rather than allowing it to remain upon the towns of which they were residents, or where the crime was committed. He was led to act in this matter to secure the relief of the town of Braintree in the case of B. Franklin Killam. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1843. He was state's attorney for Orange county from 1842 to '47. He was a member of the State Senate in 1847-48. He was elected lieutenant-governor of Vermont in 1853 upon the ticket headed by John S. Robinson of Bennington. There was no election by the people that year, and a coalition of the free soilers with the democrats in the legislature secured the election of the democratic nominees. Great were the rejoicings among the democrats at West Randolph when it was known that Kidder had become lieutenant-governor. There was a grand rally. A cannon was planted on the bluff in the rear of Micah Mann's house, and with the second discharge one of the gunners was blown nearly to the foot of the bluff. This accident somewhat discouraged the use of gunpowder, but the other festivities went on as though nothing had happened.

Judge Kidder's military education, and the service he rendered as captain of a Floodwood company in the days of militia training, gave him a dignified



appearance, which he preserved through all his life. He was a delegate to the national democratic convention in Chicago which nominated James Buchanan for the presidency. Here he came in contact with the Southern chivalry and saw some of the spirit of Southern politicians in ante-bellum days, when there was nothing too humble for a Northern democrat to do for his Southern ally. But whatever Judge Kidder's political affiliations may have been, he was the last man to crouch under the domineering spirit of a Southerner or any other man. One day during the convention a gentleman, who had taken a seat by his side at the dinner table, stepped out for a moment and asked him to keep the seat for him until he should return, which Kidder promised to do. Pretty soon along came a Southern gentleman and proceeded to help himself to the reserved chair. He was politely informed that the seat had been taken. In a pompous, blustering way he remarked that it made no difference, he should occupy it. Kidder then told him that he could not have it, whereupon the chivalrous member from the South proposed a meeting after dinner to settle the difficulty. Kidder sprang to his feet and told him that then was the time, there was the place, and fists were the weapons with which to settle the difficulty. That seat remained vacant until the *bona fide* pre-emptor returned to occupy it. While a citizen of this town he rose to eminence in his profession, was for some time the recognized head of the Orange county bar, was well known in this portion of the state, was a successful advocate, keen, quick to parry the weapons of an adversary, an active politician, intensely democratic, a jovial companion, too much so at times for his own best interests, a ready speaker on public occasions, and a man who secured and held a marked influence over a large number of people. In 1857 he removed to Minnesota. In 1859, while on a visit to Dakota Territory, he was chosen delegate to Congress. In 1861, 1863 and 1864 he was a member of the Minnesota house of representatives. In 1865 he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Dakota Territory and removed thither. He was subsequently reappointed until he held the office for ten years. He was then delegate in Congress for three successive terms, and was afterwards reappointed to the judgeship, a position he held at the time of his death. At the beginning of the Rebellion he became known as a war democrat, and by the close of the contest had fully identified himself with the republican party. Twenty-five years absence has pushed him far back in the memory of those who once knew him well in this region, but he is said to have been very popular with the people among whom he lived, discharging in a faithful and able manner the duties of the important position he was appointed to fill.

Judge Kidder died Oct. 2, 1883, of inflammation of the bladder. He went to St. Paul, Minnesota, about two weeks before his death for medical treatment, and submitted to an operation which terminated fatally.

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#### LIEUT. LYMAN S. KIDDER,

Judge Kidder's son, was born in Braintree in 1842; served as first lieutenant in the war of the rebellion, and soon after its close was appointed 2d Lieut. 2d U. S. Cavalry. On the 2d of July, 1867, he was killed by Indians on Beaver

Creek, Kan. The following is condensed from a longer account sent us: Lieut. Kidder was bearer of dispatches from Gen. Sherman at Fort Sedgwick to Gen. Custer, whose camp was then at the forks of the Republican river, 110 miles distant. Starting from Fort Sedgwick he reached the camp in 26 hours, but failed to find Custer, who had left the day before. Learning that Indians had collected in his rear, cutting off return to Fort Sedgwick, he directed his course, still searching for Custer, towards Fort Wallace, where his party was attacked by several hundred savages. A brave defense was made, he holding them back, and continuing on at such intervals and opportunities as he was able by strategy; in this way he traveled over 80 miles and killed more Indians than his party had numbers. But on the morning of July 2d, while crossing a low piece of prairie surrounded on all sides by hills, the party was attacked and overpowered by more than 800 Indians. How long and how well the band of heroes fought, no tongue was spared to tell! But the copper cartridge "thimbles," or shells, which were scattered in large quantities around their bodies when found, were more eloquent of their bravery and heroism than words can be. Gen. Custer, returning to Fort Wallace, found the bodies of the dead on the 11th of July, and buried them on Beaver Creek. There Judge Kidder recovered the remains of his son in March following, and took them to St. Paul for interment.

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#### HON. SAMUEL MINOT FLINT

Began the study of law with Hon. J. P. Kidder, and completed his course with Hon. William Hebard of Chelsea. He commenced the practice of his profession in Braintree, but soon removed to Chelsea, where a wider field gave promise of better reward, and greater distinction at the bar. Shortly after, he was elected state's attorney for Orange county, and subsequently was appointed clerk of the county court. In 1857 he settled in St. Paul, Minn., and formed a law co-partnership with Judge Kidder. His abilities soon introduced him to the notice of the public. He was elected county attorney, holding the office six years successively, and afterwards city judge; serving as such about eight years, he resigning the office a year before his death on account of failing health. Judge Flint had recognized ability, and but for a single fault might have acquired a brilliant record. He died suddenly on the street, leaving a widow and two children.

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#### NATHANIEL HUTCHINSON

Became a resident of Braintree in 1785, settling on the farm now owned by William Bass. He died in his prime, his death casting a deep gloom over the then sparsely settled community. His son, Nathaniel, Jr., lived on the farm inherited from his father nearly fifty years, and was a progressive farmer. He also built the hotel at Snowsville and owned it till he died.

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#### JOHN HUTCHINSON

Settled in Braintree in the fall of 1793, on the farm owned by James P. Cleveland, Jr. He was a bright, enterprising man, owning a saw mill in addition

to his farm, was much respected, was benevolent and never a user of spirits or tobacco in any form, his descendants being equally temperate. He was much in office and was sent thirteen times to the legislature.

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### JAMES HUTCHINSON

Lived much of the time in Randolph, but for many years had considerable business interest in Braintree, owning at one time a large part of the real estate in Peth and vicinity, comprising now three or four good farms in Braintree and Randolph; also, an oil mill at Peth whereby he carried on quite an extensive traffic. In his early manhood he worked his farm (where Lyman Hutchinson now lives) and mill with the aid of one man for regular help, he working on the farm from four in the morning till noon, then in the mill till midnight, while his help rested, thus keeping the mill running constantly. He was a man of great endurance, a hard worker, and honest in his deal. Possessed of good judgment, he acquired a large property which he had the pleasure of dividing among his children.

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### JAMES HUTCHINSON, JR.,

Has spent the larger part of his life on the old farm at Peth, removing to West Randolph in 1870. He was elected, in 1856, delegate to a state constitutional convention; in 1864-5, assistant judge of the county court; in 1868-9, state senator; in 1871, county commissioner; in 1872, delegate to the republican national convention at Philadelphia, and received the same year the appointment of post master at West Randolph, which office he now holds.

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### JOHN B. HUTCHINSON

Graduated at Vermont University, August, 1843; was admitted to Orange county bar June 1, 1845; in 1848, received the degree of A. M., and began the practice of law at West Randolph, where he continued till his decease; was elected in 1853-5 judge of probate; and in 1855 was a member of the council of censors. He represented Randolph in the legislature in 1856, and in 1857 was state senator.

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### THOMAS A. VANCE

Came to Braintree about 1820, and lived in a log house built by himself near Roxbury line adjoining Alvin Lyon's place, west of Vilas C. Flint's. Here he cleared quite a territory, built a saw mill on the stream near Edwin F. Thresher's, and later built a house a few rods from the mill, east side of the road. The mill was carried off in the freshet of 1830. About 1832 he rebuilt it, but afterwards sold it to Charles A. Clark. In 1836 he moved to Quaker Hill, and kept a small grocery store where Albert Pearl resides. He was justice of the peace from 1838 to 1850, and assistant town clerk for several years. In 1850 he went to Lempster, N. H., and was engaged in the grocery and dry goods business till his death, 1854.

## LUTHER WARNER

Will be remembered as an ardent patriot. He could recount in song and story the history of early times, of the struggle for liberty, and of the men who were the leading actors. He was in early life licensed to preach by the Universalist denomination, and did so for a number of years; but finally abandoned it and returned to his anvil and bellows as being probably the surer way of providing for the wants of his increasing family. He also kept hotel at Snowsville for some time.

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## JEREMIAH SNOW

Was a sailor in early life. Having been converted, he turned to preaching, with no other preparation than a fair talent and his experience with the world. He proved to be quite an able exhorter, and commanded no little influence for good. But he never settled down as pastor of a church; he preached here and there, wherever an audience could be gathered. A peculiar notion of his was the constant wearing of a sailor's suit, thinking it not proper or right to change the style of raiment which he wore when converted. Mr. Snow was severely honest, humble, industrious, and poor; and never took pay for ministerial service. In 1812 he came to Braintree and for two years attended Nathaniel Spear's mill. Then moving to Ayer's brook at Snowsville, which was named for him, he built a saw mill and a grist mill on that stream in 1814. These he run many years, preaching in the meantime as he had opportunity. We do not know of his birth place or of his parentage. He died June 2, 1848, aged 81.

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## CYNTHIA SNOW,

Wife of Jeremiah, was of a strong mind and of great physical endurance, and her life was spent as far as possible in doing good to others. She vied with her husband in the ability to exhort, and shared his notions of dress, always wearing short clothes. Both were examples of exalted Christian piety. Much of the time she was in attendance at her husband's grist mill. There was a leak in the mill, the waste from which she gathered on a cloth and proportioned to each grist. Although her honesty was above reproach, she was accused by an evil-minded person of appropriating the leakage to her own use. This troubled her greatly. She finally carried her grief to Father Nichols, who told her to set her mind at rest, for no one would believe that she was not honest. It is said that in tolling grain she used to "scrimp" the toll of those who bought grain, because they would have, at most, no more than a full measure. No children blessed the home of Aunt Snow, as she was called; but her neighbors and friends where her "children," and the simplicity and purity of her life attest the fact that she did her part to bring them up well. On the 9th of November, 1853, at the age of 83, she "rested from her labors."

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## JAMES COPELAND

Is notable for what he is not, more than for what he is. He never married. He is one of those negatives who, after all, have a more affirmative being than



many with far higher claims to notoriety. He is known and remembered while many a superior is ignored or forgotten. The very ignominy which nature stamped on his being has brought him into "bold relief" and given him prominence. A gentleman of intelligence once saw Mr. Copeland about to bore a hole through a small block of wood. The usual process is, when a vice or a clasp is wanting, to hold the block between the feet, and the operation is not always easy. But "Jimmy" put the block into a trough, the improvised "clasp" working admirably. The gentleman acknowledged that he had learned something. Thus the foolish sometimes confound the wise. "Jimmy" has seen the point of many a practical joke, some harmless and some positively cruel. In disposition he is inoffensive and urbane; but when fully aroused his anger is a tempest. The "summer" of his life laid by for the "winter" of old age; he has earned an honest living, and when he dies, he dies in debt to no one.

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JOSEPH RIFORD, 3d,

Was one of twelve children that constituted his father's family when the latter settled upon a farm in Braintree. When Joseph was eighteen years old his father died, the event throwing upon him, the oldest son, a graver responsibility than ordinarily falls to the lot of youth of that age. He gained his education by studying evenings and teaching winters; in summer he worked on the farm. He was a leading drover for many years. He represented Braintree several times in the legislature and held other places of trust in the town. In 1854 Mr. Riford removed to Elkhart, Ind., and was a member of the legislature of that state in 1862-3. During the war he was the tried and trusted friend of Gov. Morton, and never for a moment doubted the final triumph of the union arms and the downfall of slavery. From Elkhart he went, in 1866, to Benton Harbor, Mich., where he took a lively interest in the proposed railroad from Elkhart to Benton Harbor, of which he was one of the directors. He labored hard for the project, and lived to see the line in operation. A stroke of apoplexy resulted in his death, November 2, 1882.

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PROF. ALLEN H. WELD,

Renowed as the author of Weld's English Grammar and Weld's Latin Grammar, was born in Braintree, on Quaker hill, it is thought, near the rocking rock. His parents were not rich in worldly wealth, but they fully realized the worth of education, and were determined to provide for their children the highest educational privileges in their power. Allen, equally determined, prepared in the schools near home to enter Dartmouth college. After studying at Dartmouth two years, in order to avail himself of greater privileges, he changed to Yale college, graduating with honor therefrom in 1834. From Yale Mr. Weld went to Nantucket and thence to Andover, Mass., where he studied theology two years, and taught one year in Phillips' academy. Thence he was called, in 1837, to the principalship of North Yarmouth, (Me.) classical academy, which position he held eleven years. It was during this time that he prepared his text book on the science of

language, which for many years maintained a high rank in the schools of this country. In 1839 he was elected a member of the board of overseers of Bowdoin college, serving as such during his residence in Maine. Prof. Weld next taught in Boston one year, removing thence, in 1849, to Cumberland, Md., where he was principal of an academy six years. In 1855 he went to West Lebanon, N. H., and established there the Tilden female seminary. After a stay of three years he went to River Falls, Wis., where he resided till his death. Prof. Weld was for several years superintendent of schools of St. Croix county, Wis., and was six years member of the board of regents of normal schools, in the meantime tilling a large farm.

As a teacher, Prof. Weld coupled tact, firmness and skill with an earnest devotion to his work; his consciousness of power gave to his demeanor a marked repose that was a charm to the pupil at the same time that it invoked his enthusiastic endeavor. To his official capacity he brought large comprehension and activity, qualities of an efficient leader; prudent and far sighted, he planned and carried forward, managing the forces and means at his command with that practical ability which gained confidence, allayed animosity, encouraged the weak, and begat universal respect. As a citizen, his life was unblemished; he derived from Christianity, the fountain of all true greatness, a knowledge and a faith that were his practice and his power. His character was refined by all that is noblest and purest in human life.

He died of brain paralysis at the age of 73. He lay himself down full of years and full of honors, leaving a memory rich in suggestions which will be a living, active force long after the feeble body, which carried the grand brain and the Christian heart, has crumbled into dust.

#### JEHIEL PARMLY

Emigrated from Newtown, Conn., to Randolph about 1780. He bought and settled on the property at Randolph Centre which was afterwards occupied by Alfred Blodgett, his grandson. Jehiel was a lineal descendant, in the fifth generation, of John Parmelee, who came from Kent, England, and settled in Guilford, Conn., in 1639. When a youth Jehiel served in the French and Indian war, 1756-8. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church in Newto but after removing to Braintree became members of the Baptist church, in which communion they lived and died, beloved and honored. About the year 1795, he exchanged his property in Randolph for a farm (the "Tilson farm") in Braintree, on which he resided till his death in 1804. Eleazer Parmelee, Jehiel's oldest son, removed to Ohio with his family in 1816. This family first changed the spelling of their surname to Parmly, and the family of Randolph becoming closely identified with the older branch adopted the same spelling for the sake of uniformity.

LEVI SPEAR PARMLY and ELEAZER PARMLY, Jr., were among the early practitioners of dentistry in this country. The former was for many years established at New Orleans. Eleazer began his practice in London, but the English climate not suiting him he went to New York where he spent the remainder of his life. He published a small poetical volume at one time,

descriptive of the life, scenes and reminiscences of his boyhood in Braintree. Samuel and Jehiel, younger brothers, were also dentists, the former at New York, the latter at Savannah, Ga. Randolph, the youngest, was the first male child born in Randolph, and was named after the town. The selectmen promised him a farm in honor of the event, but they did not make good their word. Some have supposed he did get a lot of land, the "Tilson farm," which by some change in the town line finally came within the limits of Braintree; but this is an error. Randolph Parmly owned that farm by inheritance or by purchase.

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#### GEN. ARTEMAS CUSHMAN

Has enjoyed much popular favor, and not a little distinction. His public service has been chiefly in a military capacity. He was commissioned brigade inspector of Vermont militia in 1828, with the rank of major; in 1830 he was made lieut.-colonel; in 1835, colonel; in 1841, brigadier-general; and in 1847, the legislature elected him maj.-general. From 1835 to 1851 he was justice of the peace. He represented Warren in the House of Representatives in 1835, '36 and '42; in 1836 and '47 was a member of the constitutional convention, and state senator from Windsor county in 1846 and '47. In all things he has proved true and worthy.

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#### SAMUEL PRATT

Was connected by blood, through his mother, with the Adams, of Revolutionary fame. The ancestors of Samuel and his wife, Persis (Hayden), "were among the pilgrims that sailed in the Mayflower, and the rock on which that historic ship landed her precious freight was not more firm and immovable than were the religious principles which they transmitted to their posterity, who, down to the present generation, have preserved and perpetuated them intact and inviolate." When Mr. Pratt came to Braintree in 1812, his family consisted of his wife and eight children. Two more were born after coming to Vermont. "He believed with David that 'children are a heritage,' and had his 'quiver full of them.'" His father and mother came from Old Braintree with him. They survived their son several years, and died almost a hundred years old. His widow lived the last thirty years of her life at River Falls, Wis., with Lydia, her youngest living daughter. "Of her it is enough to say that she died as she had lived—a Christian. On earth, she brought precious ointment to her Savior's feet; in heaven, she beholds Him face to face." Of the children only one, Zebah, made a permanent home in Vermont; none in Braintree. The others who survived to maturity settled in the west. "Most of them now sleep with their fathers. Of that once united happy band of brothers and sisters, only three survive: Asaph, Lydia and Washington. But they never forget the scenes of their childhood, and cherish an undying affection for their home by the rocking rock."

## GEORGE WASHINGTON PRATT

At the time of his father's death was only eighteen. After studying a few years in Burlington and Montpelier, he engaged in the music trade at New Orleans and Memphis, and afterwards at St. Louis. In 1852 he moved to River Falls, Wis., and was among the earliest settlers of that place. There he became at once a leader in society and took a prominent part in all that pertained to the best interests of that town. He was founder and for many years president of River Falls academy, an incorporated school of the first order; was chairman of supervisors; superintendent of public instruction, and held other responsible offices. He was besides one of the original founders of the Congregational church there, and was delegate to the national council at Boston in 1865. In the State normal school enterprise also he was a prime mover.

## CAPT. JACOB SPEAR

Was among the first, if not the first, of the proprietors to come to Braintree and among the first to settle here. He had good business capacity and, evidently, was the right sort of a man to have in a new settlement. Jacob, like others of his race, was peculiar, and he speculated largely in land and acquired a large property. Though generally regarded as strictly honest, he was finally led, by the greed of money making probably, into an attempt to counterfeit coin. He lived where the late Jarvis Tilson did and the little brick building just north of the house was the place in which he carried on his operations. We think he had a partner, but cannot give his name. The facts leaked out at last and for some time Jacob was nowhere to be found. It is supposed he locked himself into his "mint," for no one could open it and he was missing several days. He was arrested and taken to jail from which he subsequently bailed himself out by deeding some six or eight lots of land to the proper legal officer. These deeds are on record and are all dated at Chelsea. This was about 1806-7. Soon after he sold his property in Braintree and removed with his family to Moriah, N. Y., where he spent the remainder of his life, though he died in Braintree. He returned on horseback to visit his friends, and as he rode up to the door where his daughter lived (Zoraster Brown's), he replied to her inquiry, "How are all the folks?" with, "Rhoda, I have come for the last time." He visited his nephews, Arunah Spear and John Burridge, personally selected a spot for his grave in the cemetery near by, and then said he should never go out again, which proved true. He died a few days after. He chose the highest point in the cemetery, apart from other graves and directed that none of the earth dug from his grave should be returned to it, but that it should be filled with gravel from the branch, and that a boulder as large as two yokes of oxen could draw be deposited at the head. His wishes were complied with, and only the boulder and a few wild shrubs mark his burial place.



## DANIEL WAITE

Came to Braintree in 1788 or 1789. He first purchased lot 22-2, paying thirty pounds therefor. July 22, 1791, he bought lot 6-1 on which he thereafter lived. At the time of its purchase a log house and a small barn had been built and only a few acres were cleared. Uncle Daniel, as he was familiarly called, was thorough and successful, and wholly devoted to his calling, never seeking any office nor holding any above highway surveyor. In his practice he demonstrated the fact that intelligent farming pays. He early imbibed the principle that no farmer can afford to raise corn, oats and hay to sell. He should sell horses, not oats; sheep, cattle and pork, not corn. In common with other pioneers he endured many hardships. Once he was obliged to bring his seed wheat on horseback from Middlebury with only marked trees to guide him over the mountains. All the Waites were strictly temperate. Not one of them has ever been known to be intoxicated or to use tobacco in any form.

*He was my great grandfather; my mother's father's father.*  
 MAJ. WILLIAM FORD

Possessed shrewdness, energy and perseverance. He never faltered in the face of obstacles even though they appeared insurmountable. His business sagacity led him to see and utilize advantages few men would ever think of. For instance, he once turned the head waters of Dog River at Roxbury summit into the branch, thereby materially increasing the water power for his mills. The fact became known to Roxbury mill owners, who required him to undo the job. Maj. Ford served long and did much for the town. He gave land for and built the Baptist meeting house; erected numerous mills, some at West Randolph; and when Jacob Spear sold his property he bought what has since been known as the Maj. Ford place and put up a hotel there. When his youngest son, Samuel, was a child, Maj. Ford's fortune was told, and one of the prophecies was that he would lose a large share of his property through the agency of his son. The major laughed and, turning to Samuel, said: "I think you'll be the one, sir." Of course he had no faith at all in it, but it was by Samuel's advice that he erected the buildings which were swept off by freshet, involving a loss in one night of \$75,000. The loss was overwhelming, and having caught cold, it is thought, working in the water and trying to save something from the wreck, he took to his bed and died in about two months.

## JOHN S. NICHOLS,

Like his father, has long been identified officially with the interests of the town. Both together have held the office of town clerk seventy-two consecutive years, and each has served a long term as treasurer. By his constancy and uprightness, his zeal and faithfulness in business and all other matters, Dea. Nichols has won popular confidence and respect. Few have left so good a record or enjoy so fair a name.

## GEORGE W. FLAGG

Has won some notoriety as a collar and elbow wrestler. He began wrestling at fourteen and was soon champion of his town and vicinity. He served four years in the union army, was in twenty-two battles, was mustered out 1st lieutenant and champion of the army of the Potomac. In different parts of New England he has wrestled about fifty matches in the few years past.

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## STRAY ITEMS.

Henry Brackett is now the oldest person in Braintree. He passed his 90th birthday on the 9th of May, 1883. Col. Rufus Hutchinson stands second in age, being just 40 days younger.

In November, 1862, the northeastern part of the town was roused by the news that Francis F. Thayer had seen a bear and three cubs in Ira Mann's woods. About two hundred people were gathered together in a few hours, and made "demonstrations" around those woods, and lady Bruin and her family soon lay low. They were sold and the proceeds and bounty money were divided among those in attendance. Jacob A. Spear bought the skins and made a sleigh robe of them, which is still in use.

As many as three colored families have lived in Braintree, if report is true, perhaps more than that. There were Zebedee and Samuel Dunbar, probably brothers, or father and son. Zebedee tended saw mill a long time for Brackett or Maj. Ford, or both, and we think owned at one time the "Brackett" mill or some other, as there are in the early records references to Zebedee Dunbar's mill. Zebedee had a family of children, some of whom married in town. There was a family named Freeman, and a Dolbe family or two belonging to Exeter or Peter Dolbe, or both. We think Exeter lived some time on Riford's brook.

## VI. THE CENTENNIAL.

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The pamphlet published soon after the Centennial celebration reported quite fully the exercises and doings of the day, and is here reproduced in full with only such changes as were necessary to make needed corrections. The following were the

### OFFICERS OF THE DAY:

Victor I. Spear, President; William H. Nichols, Vice-President; George W. Flagg, Marshal; H. Royce Bass, Secretary; Rev. Elbridge Gerry, A. M., Chaplain.

There were Committees of Arrangement and Invitation, on Finance and Programme and Exercises.

### PROGRAMME AND ORDER OF EXERCISES.

"Little of all we value here  
Wakes on the morn of its  
Hundredth Year."

### FIRING MORNING SALUTE AT SUNRISE.

At 10 o'clock A. M., procession will form at the Old Church, in the following order:

1st, Marshal of the day—George W. Flagg.

2d, West Randolph cornet band.

3d, Officers of the day.

4th, Former citizens.

5th, Citizens and visitors.

March to the Grove; Social Hour; Music, etc.

### DINNER.

In memory of the past

"Let us sit and dine with our hats on."

### EXERCISES—1 P. M.

Music—Band.

PRAYER, - - - - - by the Chaplain.

Music—Glee Club.

READING OF THE CHARTER, - - - - - Amasa W. Ferry.

Music—Band.

HISTORICAL SKETCH, - - - - - H. Royce Bass.

Music—Band.

ADDRESS, - - - - - Col. F. V. Randall, Brookfield.

Music—Glee Club.

Sentiments and responses, speeches, remarks and reminiscences by former citizens, members of committee, townsmen and visitors generally.

Music—Band.

Antiquarian relics will be on exhibition in the town hall, and in charge of a responsible committee.

## BRAINTREE CENTENNIAL.

1781—1881.

## REPORT.\*

One hundred years ago last Monday (August 1, 1781) the town of Braintree came into existence under a charter granted by the Governor—Thomas Chittenden—and the Council of the State of Vermont. The people of Braintree assembled on Monday of this week to observe the one-hundredth anniversary of that event. The idea of such an observance seems to have been taken up quite recently by some of the younger citizens independent of any corporate action of the town, and carried out against the indifference of a large proportion of the people with a good degree of success. When the thing became assured there was a more hearty co-operation, and all seemed to enter into the spirit of, and to greatly enjoy, the occasion. The day was pleasant; the people laid aside their work and began to gather at an early hour from all parts of the town and from adjoining towns, in which natives of Braintree have found homes, in carriages and on foot, and soon after the appointed hour, from 2,500 to 3,000 people had assembled at the grove where the exercises were to be held and near the town house where the procession was to form. And here we might speak of the large number present from abroad. There were more from Randolph than from any other town. There are twenty-five families or more in West Randolph one or several members of which were born in Braintree, or who have at some period of their lives lived in Braintree. A large proportion of these were present on this occasion. The children of the town came back to exchange greetings with one another and with those who remained behind on the old homesteads, from Brookfield, Roxbury, Bethel, and places more remote. They came from beyond the borders of the State, from Mass., New York, Washington, and the West, and with them hundreds of others as witnesses of the centennial ceremonial. There were present old men and women who now seldom go out of sight of their homes, and children so young that the early events of the town are with them passing into the region of mythology. But among all who were present there were none old enough to tell the story from the beginning. The first settlers are all dead, and the graves of some, even, are forgotten. Not many of the children of the first settlers linger behind the fathers, and the present active generation is made up of the grand-children and the great-grand-children of those who passed through the trials and hardships of pioneer life.

One feature of the day, and one not observed by a majority of those present, was the antiquarian exhibition at the town hall. The collection was not large but the relics were genuine and some of them were decidedly rare and ancient. Among other things was a tea-kettle almost 200 years old, once used by the great-grand-mother of Mary (Battles) Brown, which is now, and has been for 58 years, in use in William H. Brown's family; a hat once worn

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by George Washington; a set of pewter spoons and the moulds in which they were run; several old hand forged forks; a flint lock musket, captured at Bennington, that has been in the family of Leonard Holman 46 years; an ancient sword; wall paper used in 1774; powder horns; spinning wheels; ancient books; a dictionary owned by Mrs. Samuel Riford, 104 years old; "History of the Christian Religion," owned by George Hutchinson, 189 years old; another book 145 years old, and still another 159 years; an earthen pepper box, by C. C. Grow; lace over one hundred years old, made by hand by Nancy Gooch; a quantity of Confederate money owned by A. W. Ferry; a chemise over one hundred years old, spun, woven and made by Mrs. Sally Hunt, and owned by Mrs. Samuel Riford. There were several very old pewter plates, combs, free-stone holders, etc. The town can certainly make a fair showing in the matter of relics.

Soon after the appointed hour the procession was formed near the church on Quaker Hill, as previously announced on the programmes, headed by the West Randolph Cornet Band, and from thence marched to the grove northwest of Henry Bass's house, which was to be the scene of the day's festivities and exercises. The place was a very pleasant one, affording needed protection from the heat of the sun. The day was delightful under the shade of the trees. Seats were provided, a platform erected for the officers and speakers, and another a little to the left for the band. Cool water was supplied, tables erected and spread with an abundance of provisions for invited guests and others. An hour or more was passed in renewing old acquaintance and listening to the music of the band and satisfying the wants of the inner man.

At 1 o'clock p. m., the people were called to order by Victor I. Spear, the president of the day, from the grand stand, and the exercises began with music by the band. Then followed prayer by the chaplain, music by the West Randolph Glee Club, followed by the reading of the charter of the town by A. W. Ferry. We give in this connection this important document through which the town of Braintree came into being:

### THE CHARTER.

[A literal copy]

The Governor Council & General Assembly  
Of The Freemen of the State  
Of  
Vermont

To All People to Whome these Presents Shall Come Greeting Know ye that

Whereas Messrs. Jacob Spear Levi Davis and their Associates our Worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State in order for Settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township; We have therefore Thought fit for the Due Encouragment of their Laudable Designs, and for other Valuable Considerations us hereunto moving: And Do by These Presents In the Name and by The Authority of the Freemen of The State of Vermont, give and grant a tract of Land here-

after Described and bounded, unto The said Jacob Spear Levi Davis and their Associates as Follows, Viz James Brackett David Holbrook Stephen Penniman Ebenezer Bracket Samuel Brackett Job Bracket Richard Newcomb William Bracket Joseph Richards Joseph Allen Ebenezer Weston Isaac Niles Samuel Spear Henry Bracket James Brackett Junior Ebenezer Bracket Charles Bracket Eli Hayden Reuben Coats Joseph Hulet, Isaac Spear Junior Samuel Spear Junior, Joseph Spear James Holbrook Jonathan Holbrook Nathan Leonard Ephraim Wales Thomas Wales Samuel Wales Moses Holbrook Caleb Holbrook Benjamin Hayden, Benjamin Hayden Junior Zeba Hayden Thomas Hayden Ezra Wells, Thomas Chittenden William Ward, Daniel Davis, Ephraim Mann Benjamin Mann Thomas French Nathaniel Spear Isaac Spear Edward Putnam Peter Putnam Andrew Elliot John Elliot Jonathan Woodbury Archelas Putnam, John King, John Putnam Reuben Davis, Bartholomew Hutchinson Jonathan Holman Samuel Harwood William King Thomas Harback Edward Davis Daniel Holman Elijah Galusha Noah Chittenden and William Emerson

Which together with the Five Following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner Following Include the whole of said Township Viz.

One Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge.

One Right for the use Of County Grammar Schools in said State Lands to the amount of one Right to be and Remain for Settlement of a minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever, Lands to the amount of One Right, for the Support of the Social Worship of God in said Township and Lands to the amount of one Right for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said Two Rights; for the use of a seminary or College and for the use of County Grammer Schools as aforesaid and the improvements Rents, Interests, and profits arising therefrom shall be under the controul order Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever and the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and impowered, to locate said two Rights Justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality in such parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall Judge will least incommode the general settlement of said tract or Township and the Said Proprietors are hereby Further impowered to Locate the *the* lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned for the settlement of a minister and ministers for their support, and for the use and support of English schools in such and in so many Plases as they or their Committee shall Judge Will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township When the same shall be Fully settled and improved—Laying the same Equitably or Quantity for Quality, which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights when located as aforesaid shall together with their Improvements Rights, Rents Profits, Dues and Interest remain inalienably appropriated for the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the Charge Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever

Which Tract of land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is Bounded and Discribed as Follows Viz; Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of Randolph then Southerly in the westerly Line of Randolph about Six Miles and an half to an angle thereof, Then North sixty one Degrees west in the

Line of Rochester so far as turning North Thirty Six Degrees East about six miles and an half then south Sixty one Degrees east to the Bounds began at. Will encompass the contents of six Miles Squar

And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of BRAINTREE And the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are hereby Declared to be infranchised, and entituled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this state Do and ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy To have And To hold the said Granted Premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining, to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the Following Conditions and Reservations; Viz, That Each Proprietor of the Township of Braintree aforesaid, His Heirs or assigns shall Plant and Cultivate Five acres of Land, and build an house at least Eighteen Feet Squar, or have one Family settled on Each respective Right within the Term of three Years next after the Circumstances of the War Will admit of a settlemnt with safety on penalty of the Forfeiture of Each Right of land in said Towuship, not so improved or settled, and the same To Revert to the Freemen of this state. To be by their Representatives Regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the same

That all pine Timber Suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the seal of this state to be affixed In Council This First Day of August Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One—And In the 5th Year of Our Independence

THOS. CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellencys

Command

THOS TOLMAN Dep. Secr'y

Braintree March 9th 1792

Recorded the above

ELIJAH FRENCH

propr. Clerk

After the reading of the charter the next thing in order was music by the band. Then H. Royce Bass gave a very interesting account of the first settlements of the town, which we are permitted to publish in this connection. The following is the paper presented:

#### HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The object of this paper is to present a few facts relating to the settlement and first history of Braintree, and first it may be interesting to know how and when this town became a town. The civil organization of the State of Vermont was effected March 12, 1778, the first General Assembly meeting on that day, making choice of Thomas Chittenden, the first Governor, and electing other State officers. In 1779 the charter of Braintree was petitioned for by Jacob Spear, Levi Davis, and others. The petition was granted by the

General Assembly, November 2, 1780, and on August 1, 1781, one hundred years ago to-day, Gov. Chittenden signed the charter, by which act Braintree became a town.

Thus the proprietors named in the charter were incorporated into a body politic, having the power and authority for self-government, and the undisputed right under state jurisdiction to the exercise of all those privileges and immunities which liberty in its largest sense confers. But liberty was not yet an established fact; for it must be remembered that these events occurred in the midst of the trying times of the Revolutionary War, and England did not acknowledge our national independence until 1783. Vermont, too, in the meantime, was struggling for her individual independence against the encroachments of New Hampshire and New York, and after a lusty contest gained it.

So in the course of these events Braintree had its origin, born, indeed, in the midst of public trial and perplexity, of private hardship and necessity. Little can we appreciate that necessity which in those early times compelled men to push into the unbroken wilderness in the face of tangle-wood and savages—the vanguard in the onward march of civilization; nor the hardships, which the hardy pioneers of one hundred years ago encountered in meeting and overcoming the natural barriers in their path, and in smoothing the way for us who “have entered into their labors.”

One hundred years ago this infant town was an almost unbroken expanse of forest. Its swaddling clothes were the perennial green of these everlasting hills. The sound of the woodman's axe, save here and there, had never echoed through its sylvan shades. It lay as nature made it, in all its wealth of virgin soil, of sparkling streams, of woody slopes and glens, of beauty everywhere. Throughout its trackless domain resounded the howl of the wolf, the screech of the owl, the twitter of the song-birds; but no human being felt aught of joy or fear in the dismal harmony. We see Braintree, then, a forest town with no human occupants. But soon the sturdy wood began to yield to a mightier force than nature. Invincible will made the sinews of the rustic's arm like steel. No sentiment like “Woodman, spare that tree!” stayed its power. It was nerved for conquest. And conquest came anon; for acre after acre bared its bosom to the sky, kissed the sunlight, embraced the storm, and drank the dews and rain, till at last the whole expanse became dotted with green fields and happy homes, the arena of enterprise and thrift.

But, you will ask, who were those sturdy pioneers through whose grit and muscle difficulties and obstacles almost insurmountable gave way to prosperity and success? Let us glance from the picture to the reality, from the dream to the dry facts which are the outcome of hard necessity and toil and the stern discipline of circumstance.

It was in 1778 when the first chopping was done within the limits of the town. At the request of the proprietors of Roxbury and Northfield, who were also petitioners for the charter of Braintree, Reuben Spaulding made an opening at the place where the railroad enters the town from Randolph, on the farm owned by A. B. Tewksbury of West Randolph.



A meeting, warned by an "Advertisement In the Publick Prints," was held August 6, 1783, at the house of Ebenezer Baker in Brookline, Mass. This was the first proprietors' meeting, the beginning of the town's history. It was adjourned to meet at Jonathan Dana's, at one o'clock the same day. James Brackett was chosen chairman and David Holbrook proprietors' clerk. Jacob Spear and Jonathan Holman were appointed a committee to lay out the five rights reserved by the charter, each to receive 4s. 6p. per day and find his own horse. The first proprietors' meeting in Braintree was held Sept. 19, 1786. The officers elected were James Brackett, chairman; Elijah French, clerk; Jacob Spear, treasurer; Samson Nichols, collector.

The town was organized April 7, 1788, upon a warrant issued by Asa Edgerton, Justice of the Peace, of Randolph, he serving as first moderator. Elijah French was elected first clerk and treasurer; Jacob Spear, Ebenezer White, and Stephen Fuller, selectmen and listers; and Edward Bass, constable and collector. Freeman's meeting was first held Sept. 2, 1788, but it was voted not to ballot for state officers, only town business being considered.

The town was laid out in three divisions, and the surveys were made by Ebenezer Waters and his assistants, Jonathan Holman, Samson Nichols and Jacob Spear.

Silas Flint was the first man to settle in Braintree. He came from Hampton, Conn., but before moving into town he lived some time about two miles north of Randolph Center. In February, 1785, he brought his goods in on a hand sled; he lived in a log cabin built near the present site of Geo. W. Adams's house, and owned that farm. This is believed to be the first dwelling place in town. His wife was the first woman to come into Braintree, and she received in consequence 100 acres of land from the proprietors. Mr. Flint was one of the substantial, enterprising men of his time.

Samuel Bass settled in town about the last week in May, of the same year, 1785. He built a log hut near the spot where he afterwards put up a frame dwelling house—the same now being owned by Apollos Sharpe. He was originally from Old Braintree, Mass., now Randolph, whence he went to Old Hadley, Mass., thence to Cornish, N. H., and finally to this town. Hiram, his son, was the first child born in town, for which the proprietors voted him 100 acres of land, which Nelson Scott now occupies. Anna, wife of the late Joseph Flint, is the only surviving member of Dea. Bass's family [she has since died].

Jacob and Samuel Spear were among the next earliest settlers. They came from Braintree, Mass. Jacob was the principal agent in procuring the charter, and in honor of him, it is said, the town was named after his first residence. Nathaniel Spear, from the same place, came to Braintree in 1790. Three years after he built a saw mill on Spear's Brook. Though rather eccentric, he was prominent among the early settlers. He used to remark of himself that he was "the wonder of every wise man and the derision of fools." Once he drove a horse and an ox together for his team. Some believed that he buried his money, and were foolish enough to dig for it. He first lived where Daniel V. Page does. About the same time, or sooner, Isaac Nichols, Henry Brackett, John Hutchinson, Maj. Wm. Ford, Ebenezer White, and others, became residents of Braintree. All were prominent, substantial men.

Isaac Nichols came from Sutton, Mass., and moved into Braintree in October, 1787. He was the first representative, elected in 1791. Maj. Ford is described as being an active, ambitious man. He built a large hotel where Jarvis Tilson lives, known as the Maj. Ford place. At West Randolph he built a factory where the grist mill stands, and a hotel; also a carding and clover mill near where Ira Ford lives. But the freshet of July, 1830, swept away his mills and factory, and he died the same year. Fire subsequently destroyed the hotel.

The first settlers endured all the privations incident to life in new settlements. The earlier ones came provided with provisions to supply them, though in some instances scantily, till they could grow the necessities of life in their new homes. Those coming later were not so prudent, but depended to some extent upon the means which others had acquired, and in consequence suffered more severely: for the acreage to each family was for years necessarily small, and what with frost and blight, and other causes, the crops were often short, and the pioneers could barely subsist from year to year on the products of their own industry, with little or none to spare. It is said that the family of Nathan Kenney must have died from starvation during their first winter's residence but for the fish which Ayer's brook afforded and some chance game. The family of Samuel Fitts suffered severely and for quite a long time were compelled to live on clover tea and leeks. Samuel Harwood, another early settler, could provide only bean porridge for a number of days. Moses, his son, bolted at last and refused to dip his portion. But the father's stern command, "Dip! dip! dip! Moses, or I'll dip your head!" brought him to his appetite. The late Rev. Ammi Nichols has left a written account of the sufferings in the family of his father, Isaac Nichols, which I give in a condensed form: He was about nine years old. His brothers were at work out to earn provisions for the family, and only his father, mother and himself were at home. They had food for only a few days, and his father went in quest of some. He was gone two days before he found any. Jonah Washburn of Randolph, out of his own scanty store, let him have three pecks of wheat. On the morning of the day of his return, Ammi and his mother had eaten the last morsel in the house. At noon he said he was hungry, and feared they would all starve. His mother replied, "I guess not," and bade him to go down cellar; perhaps he might find a potato. He found half of a large one and roasted it in the coals. His mother refused to share it with him, which occasioned a gush of tears, for he thought it would not add to his comfort to live longer than she did. To save all the nourishment in the wheat, it was boiled and eaten in milk, and this was the chief food of the family till the barley harvest. "Untold privations," he writes, "fell to our lot for a number of years after, but nothing so extremely trying as above narrated."

In 1784 the proprietors voted James Brackett the 133d right, known as the "mill right," provided he would build within one year a saw and grist mill on the same. The grist mill he never built; he located the saw mill near Ira Ford's, where Maj. Ford afterwards built his mills. James Brackett

never was a resident of Braintree. His son Charles controlled his business interests here. The saw mill was carried off by high water many years after. Major Ford rebuilt it, but it was destroyed with his other mills by the July freshet of 1830, and not one of those business concerns was ever revived in that place.

Henry Brackett built the first frame house in town in 1787—the one in which Col. Rufus Hutchinson lives. This was the first tavern and public house in the town, and the first town meeting was held in it.

The first grist mill was built where George Tarbell lives, and prior to its erection there was none nearer than Royalton, whither the early settlers were obliged to carry their grain on their backs, guided by marked trees in the almost unbroken forest.

Major Ford put up the first potato whiskey distillery on Jarvis Tilson's farm, and Capt. Riford, it is said, made the first blacksmith shop near Mrs. Samuel Riford's house.

Samuel Spear and Samson Nichols were the first highway surveyors—each man working on the road to receive 4s. per day,

The first wheat was raised by Silas Flint and Samuel Bass in 1785.

In 1788 Samson Nichols taught the first school in a log house built by John King on the "Kidder lot," owned by Henry W. Fitts. The seats were made of rough slabs, and the house had no other conveniences than a rough board placed in a suitable position on which the older pupils practiced the rudiments of penmanship.

The first school house was built in 1793 or '94, on the corner near the Congregational church. Town meetings were held in it for a number of years. There were only three districts in town at first.

Elijah French was chosen first Justice of the Peace, March 10, 1789. His residence was on Mrs. David P. Mudgett's farm, nearly south of the barns. He was killed March 9, 1798, by falling from the high beams of Wm. H. Nichols's barn, then owned by Ebenezer White.

At the March meeting in 1798 it was voted to build the first bridge across the 3d branch near the residence of the late Levi Spear, and Jacob Spear, Stephen Fuller and Ebenezer White were appointed a committee to superintend the building of it. Voted also to raise £20 to build said bridge, to be paid in wheat at 5s., rye at 4s., and Indian corn at 3s. per bu.; or to be worked out at 4s. per day, the laborers boarding themselves.

In September following the town voted that notifications for town meetings be put up at Henry Brackett's house and on a beech tree at the southeast corner of lot No. 16, 1st division—near Frederick Whitney's residence.

Elijah French, Justice of the Peace, solemnized the first marriage January 7, 1790, the bridegroom and bride being Asahel Flint and Betsey King.

On February 4th following, the first death occurred—Nathan Kenney, aged 39.

It was voted in town meeting in 1791 to give a bounty of six pence for each apple tree transplanted in an orchard—no bounty to be given for less than 25, nor more than 100 trees.

Dr. Ithamar Tilden, the first practicing physician, moved into town about

1794, and lived in the east part of the old parsonage building on Quaker Hill. He came from Connecticut. Dr. Tilden had a strange habit, when abstracted or engaged in thought, as he frequently was, of pulling hair from his head and biting off the roots. Eventually he became bald. He was a very lazy man. His wife, a most estimable lady, used to be up and about her work in the morning, and would light his pipe for him to lie abed and smoke. He had a number of very interesting children.

In 1795 Samuel Bass and Col. John French built the first store. It also included a hotel, was furnished with all the "modern improvements," and was elegant in style and architecture. Henry Bass now lives in it. While they were building it, a log house, standing west of it near the thorn apple-tree on the side-hill, was used for retailing whiskey, rum, boots, shoes, groceries, etc.; but when it was completed the southwest corner room was the store, the southeast corner room the hotel bar, and the dancing hall was on the second floor, east side. The latter was not largely patronized. The first market, not only for Braintree but for a large region of country, was at this place. Here were yards surrounded by stone walls, some of which are still to be seen, into which marketable stock of all kinds was gathered before being driven to Boston. Altogether, it is said that at one time more trading was done at this old market and store than in the towns of Brookfield, Randolph and Bethel combined.

The first church constituted was the Congregational, December 25, 1794, and consisted of eight members: Isaac and Dorcas Nichols, Silas and Esther Coburn, Samuel and Elizabeth Bass, and Reuben and Mary Partridge. The Congregational society was organized August 26, 1799; Isaac Nichols and Samuel Bass were its first deacons, and Rev. Aaron Cleveland its first pastor, ordained in March, 1801. The Rev. Elijah Brainard of Randolph, preached the first sermon in town at the house of Samson Nichols in 1788. At first meetings were held at different houses. It was voted in town meeting, August 12, 1793, to build a meeting house on a knoll at the corner of four lots on the line between the farms of Geo. F. Smith and Daniel Flint. Col. John French, through his influence overruled this decision, however, and the meeting house was built where the edifice of the Congregational church now stands. March 3, 1794, a vote was taken to "higher Preaching" for six months, and to raise for that purpose £18, to be paid in wheat at 4s. per bushel. The Baptist church was constituted March 5, 1799, with about twenty members. It had the first settled pastor in town, the Rev. Elijah Huntington, ordained June 24, 1800. The Baptist society was formed May 15, 1800.

Our sturdy ancestors occasionally used to indulge in something facetious in their town meetings. They voted December 13, 1801, "to build a pound of good hemlock posts and sawed rales, 5 inches by 2½, and make the fence Eight feet high; the rales are to be so thick that a Cat cannot get out of said pound." In 1834 William Vesey, who for several years had been the first constable of Braintree, absconded with quite a sum of money belonging to the town. At the March meeting the next year it was voted to put up the office of first con-



stable to the highest bidder, the price to be paid to Daniel Waite, Jr., who was Vesey's bondsman. Jonathan S. Fitts bid it off for \$22.

Care was constantly exercised to prevent any from becoming paupers and consequently a town charge. March 2, 1795, it was voted "that the Selectmen take the Legal Steps of the Law with Silas Flint as to his conduct, past, present, and to come, and to do all in their Power that no charge accrue to the town on said Flint's account." As near as has been ascertained this was a son of Silas Flint, the first settler, and he is said to have been rather shiftless and improvident. Voted March 7, 1803, "that all persons who have not gained a residence, and all that shall move into town in future, shall be warned out." In 1810 the selectmen issued summons to thirteen persons to leave the town in accordance with this vote, which was intended to prevent poor people from gaining a residence. Voted also in 1807 that the selectmen be directed to take proper care of John Burke and his property, so that he be not allowed to squander it away. Burke was addicted to hard drinking. He was the one who brought from Ireland and introduced into this town the celebrated Burke potato.

The first notice in regard to the care of the poor is in the minutes of the town meeting March 4, 1805, when the selectmen were directed to deal out to the poor as they thought best. The next year the keeping of several paupers was put up to the lowest bidders, and William Ford, Jr., Zion Copeland and Seth Mann were chosen first Overseers of the Poor.

The first record of any post office in town was made as early as 1833; one was established at Peth about this time, in the opinion of some several years before that date. It was called Braintree P. O., and Noah B. Cady was the first postmaster. The office is now located at Snowsville. About the same time, if not sooner, a post office was located on the west branch, and Levi Spear was its first postmaster.

In 1835 or '36 Robbins Densmore and B. F. Chamberlain were the first lawyers to hang out their "shingles" in town. Evidence seems to show that Densmore came first. Both located at Snowsville. Densmore was a great scholar but very indolent. Chamberlain was killed in consequence of falling from a tree and breaking his back.

In 1812 John Hutchinson and Moses Bass built the first cloth dressing or clothier's shop, where Samuel Spear's shop stands, and a Mr. Shattuck of Brookfield was hired to run it. Samuel Stewart bought it in 1816, the year remarkable for the cold summer, which was the cause of much hardship and suffering. Stewart tried without success to find a boarding place in the village, and he named it Peth; because, as he said, one lived and two starved to death—probably an allusion to some other place of the same name that had suffered from similar adversities.

Quaker Hill was named by Ebenezer Waters and his assistant surveyors, who dined here with their hats on. Ayer's brook was so called because, it is said, a man named Ayer, who deserted the American cause and became a guide to the French and Indians, was caught in this town and executed near that stream in 1755.

The history of Braintree is by no means devoid of incidents and adventure, and it only requires the time and patience of some one to glean the facts from the memories of the oldest inhabitants to make a volume rich with anecdote and reminiscence.

It is related of Solomon Holman that while walking out one evening his dog started up a deer, which turned at bay. It became so engaged with the dog that Mr. Holman conceived the idea of creeping up cautiously and catching it. He was successful in getting his arms around its neck and giving it a quick hug, but the next moment he lay sprawled on his back and the deer was at a safe distance.

Caleb Nichols is said to have been the first in this region to load hay round and round on the cart, and he became quite an adept at pitching off. He once wagered with Dr. Tilden that if the Dr. would not move from his place on the mow he would cover him up, and he did. But Caleb found his match with Nathaniel Spear, for Uncle Nat. did not let a forkful drop till it landed at the back part of the mow.

George Washington Nichols, who once lived on the "Wash" place, so called, on the Mudgett farm owned by Allen H. Flint, was the inventor of the traverse sled. Until his time only the long runner sled was used. He was on the way to Boston with a load of produce, and in plunging through a pitch-hole in the road, one runner of his sled was broken near the middle. He drove to the next house and set to work. The runner could not be repaired, so he cut it off at the broken point, and cut the opposite one to match. These ends were set back under the rear of the sled body; but they lacked the crook necessary to prevent them from ploughing into the snow. To obviate this difficulty he cut natural crooks in the woods, from which he made a short runner sled and joined it by a chain to the front sled. The journey was thus resumed. That contrivance, while a source of much amusement, was also a new idea to every teamster on the route to Boston. In less than a year a long sled rarely found its way into that city, and before long the traverse sled came into general use throughout the country.\*

And so this record might go on. But it is sufficient to give you a glance at the stern realities that were the birthright of your fathers and mothers, and a hint of the historic interest which attaches to this town. To others with older memories is left the task and the pleasure, if you please, of more completely reviewing its history, and marking its progress in the march of a hundred years.

One hundred years! one hundred years!  
With all their weight of hopes and fears,  
Of hardship, toil, and meagre gain,  
The blight of frost and hunger's pain;—

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\*Since the centennial pamphlet was published, Mr. Nichols has given his own account about the invention of the traverse sled. Some have doubted whether he did invent it, but he positively claims the honor. It came about in this way: A man had a large log to haul, and instead of letting the rear end drag—the usual way—he put another sled under it. Mr. Nichols noticed how much lighter the draught was and believed that a sled made on that principle would be practicable. So he made one and went to Boston with it. On the way he met a stage driver, who stopped him to examine his contrivance. The next time he went to Boston he saw the same driver with a traverse sled.

Of fortune's smile, of bounteous yield,  
The forest giving way to field,  
Where log hut to the cottage grows,  
And desert blossoms like the rose —  
One hundred years ! the tale they tell  
Of those who struggled long and well  
'Gainst bitter odds, with faith hard tried,  
Should make each bosom swell with pride,  
And raise each voice in glad acclaim  
To celebrate their honest fame,  
And fire each heart with zeal to pay  
The honor due CENTENNIAL DAY.

This paper was listened to with close attention from beginning to end. It was the most important of anything presented on the occasion. After music by the band Col. F. V. Randall took the stand and addressed the audience for nearly half an hour without notes.

#### COL. RANDALL'S ADDRESS.

He called up some of the events of his own early life when a resident of the town, and noted some of the changes that had taken place during the last fifty years. He related some anecdotes of the earlier citizens, showing that there was a humorous side in the experiences of our forefathers. He remembered when Snowsville was a prosperous village with stores, mills and a hotel, in the days before West Randolph became a railroad station. He spoke kindly of Mr. and Mrs. Snow, whom he remembered as old people, and who gave their names to the little village. He remembered the whiskey distillery, a common feature of the early villages. He spoke particularly of some of the men who developed the agricultural resources of the town, particularly of Daniel Waite and John Hutchinson, father of Col. Rufus Hutchinson, one of the oldest citizens of the town. Daniel Waite was an indefatigable worker, his special forte being laying stone wall. The farm he left to his son was the best walled farm in town. The Bass's and Fitts's were good agriculturists and their children and their grand-children have entered into their labors. He related some anecdotes of Daniel Waite and others, and called to mind some pleasing things in connection with Col. Ellery Pettis, an eccentric character who flourished in town between thirty and forty years ago. On one occasion Col. Pettis appeared as a party in a suit at law. His opponent's lawyer undertook to win the suit by representing Pettis as a man of weak intellect. He endured it as long as he could and then announced to the court, "I would rather lose my cause than have my character scandalized." Col. Randall spoke of the motives that influenced the early settlers of the town. It was not gold or conquest but the founding of homes and the establishment of the principles of liberty, and this end was gained. Col. Randall was listened to attentively, and it is to be regretted that his remarks could not have been written and put upon permanent record.

Col. Randall's address was followed by music by the band. After this came an exercise not on the programme. Moses Cheney of Barnard was introduced, who, after some preliminary remarks, sang an old time song, entitled the

"Hunters of Kentucky." Mr. Cheney entered into the spirit of the occasion as much as any one present.

Dr. Samuel W. Thayer of Burlington, one of the honored sons of Braintree, was then called upon and read a very interesting paper which we give below :

#### DR. THAYER'S PAPER.

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*—I did not come here to make a speech; I never make speeches, but I sometimes talk. Nor do I come among you to read an essay or an oration, for I never write such. Sometimes I write what I see, what I hear and what memory brings to my mind. Not long since I received a postal card from the committee of invitation, asking me to be present on this occasion which suggested to me the idea of noting down some recollections of my boyhood so pleasantly passed on this hill, which, if agreeable, I will read to you. There are very few present who will realize to the fullest extent the reminiscences of the period of which I write.

It is a little more than half a century since I severed my connection with my early associates, in this, my native place; yet, during that time I have not forgotten all the scenes of my childhood, nor those who lived here at that time. Notwithstanding the changes that are taking place in every part of the known world, these steep hills of the Green Mountain chain with the green capped summits and slopes, their miniature valleys and verdant fields between, are still around us, decked in their best attire.

Braintree is Braintree now as it was a century ago, and has no more aristocratic names to its different sections than when in boyhood I believed it to be the only place where the enjoyment of life, peace and happiness could be found. It has now, as it has had as long as I can remember, its Quaker Hill, Connecticut Corner, Scadden and Peth, the Branch, Ayer's Brook, and the Lake, as it was termed. Upon the same old site stands the meeting house, modernized but not improved. Near it the burying ground, where lie the remains of the pioneers in the settlement of the town, those who converted the wilderness into fruitful fields, who built God's house on this hill and worshipped within its walls; who built the school house, and inaugurated a system of education, which has descended with all its benefits to this generation. This is not the old meeting house with its broad isles, square pews, high pulpit and surrounding galleries, without fire place or stove to ward off the chills or keep the boys' feet still in their cow hide boots on cold winter Sundays; the same common which used to be made lively on June and Autumn training days by the wrestlers and base ball players, while here and there were groups of men and boys to witness collisions between two or three revolutionary soldiers who had been too often to the meeting house pew for grog that day, shown first by angry words, then by blows, next by reconciliation upon finding that they were both contending for the same side of the question, then, to seal the renewal of their friendship, by going to the meeting house and taking a nipper together. Let us imagine ourselves in the old meeting house sixty years ago on a Sunday morning and see the people as they enter with stately and solemn tread: first the aged grand-father with his gray locks gathered and braided into a queue hanging down his neck, tied with a black



ribbon; in breeches buckled at the knee; shoes ornamented with a bright silver buckle over the instep; then comes his son and wife with a long line of grand-children in the order of their ages. We also see the tithing-man in the corner pew, all ready to put his variations into the sermon, with whip in hand to clear the house of dogs or to pound upon the side of the pew and point to the rude boys in the galleries, all of whom dressed in garments made from the wool of the sheep that roamed through the pastures and unclaimed lands, washed in the streams flowing down the mountain sides, and clipped from the submissive animal which yields to the shearers its annual fleece to be carded, spun and woven by the faithful hands of mothers and sisters. We see the chorister, supported on his right by a long line of bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked young women; on the left a platoon of stalwart young men waiting for the sound of the note from the tuning fork to raise their voices in psalms and hymns. No duet, quartet or ballad singing in those days.

Many of you will remember the old hipped-roof school house, where, after wading in deep snows, facing the piercing winds and needle crystals of snow; how with cold hands and feet we huddled around the open fire-place. Now let us make a call at a model farm house of that time. We will go in the early winter morning, even before the fire is kindled. We see the half clad yeoman hasten to the fire-place, when, finding that during the night the fire has gone out, he tries his tinder box, flint and steel, and the old Queen Ann his sire brought from the wars; but these failing him he calls his son to go to the nearest neighbor and borrow some coals. No friction matches were made in those days; the only matches made were of oxen and horses, except now and then those between buxom girls and hearty boys, and these did not prove friction matches as often then as in modern times. But to return to our fire. That built, the tea-kettle and pot full of potatoes are hung to a hook on the crane over the fire, while the Johnnie cake board and the spider with slices of pork are before it. While the mother sees to the breakfast, father and the big boys do the chores at the barn. The older girls set the table and get themselves and the other children ready for school. Leaving them to their daily duties, let us look in upon them during the long winter evenings, when the winds howl without and the snow is piling up against the windows, and we find the fire-place filled with burning logs piled one above another, illuminating the kitchen throughout, in which all the members of the family are gathered; so well lighted is it by the blazing wood in the fire-place that every object in the room can be distinctly seen without the aid of any other light. "Pa" sits reading the Bible, *Pilgrim's Progress* or *Baxter's Saint's Rest* by this light, with his book resting on a little round table which his grandmother often told him was brought by her grandfather from the old country in the *Mayflower* or some other big ship, which indeed must have been a big one to have room for half of the furniture which it is said to have brought. "Ma" sits opposite at her light stand sewing up seams or putting little round patches on the knees of her boys' pants, or knitting some stockings or mittens to protect her darlings from the cold. The older children are getting their lessons for the next day at school, solving problems in *Pike's Arithmetic*, learning rules from *Murray's*

Grammar, or reading over chapters in Scott's Lessons, little stories like the farmer who found a rude boy in one of his apple trees, from Webster's Spelling Book, or the New England Primer full of short words and sentences. Back in the room are urchins in the trundle-bed which is partly drawn from beneath the parents' cot, while the infant is in the cradle so near its mother that she jostles it while plying her needle or knitting pins. In the cupboard against the wall we see earthen, pewter and wooden dishes, and a pewter porringer or two. Suspended by wooden hooks in the wall is the old flint lock gun, powder horn and leather shot bag, the warming-pan and birch broom, tin lantern and tin candle moulds, and by the way of ornament a few rounds of dried beef, crooked necked squashes, and skeins of yarn and bunches of flax. The fire place is decorated with a checkered holder; on one side are shovel and tongs, the bellows and poker on the other. Upon a shelf above stand the iron candlesticks with snuffers and tray beside them, with ball of yarn, packages of herbs, and odds and ends of all sorts. During the winter at odd times, the good mother would in those days spin and weave and color her webs blue from the dye pot in the corner of the fire place, and butternut from the one-handed piggin, while the good man would make spiles and wooden dug-outs in preparation for the next sugar season; or perhaps make a few baskets, and bottom some chairs, when not working at the large woodpile in the front yard. In early spring time, when the snow was melting by day and crusted by frost at night, from among the maples of the forest, smoke could be seen curling up through their wide-spread branches from a pile of great burning logs over which was hanging a five-pail kettle or two filled with boiling sap, replenished when necessary from large buckets of the sweet juice, suspended from the sap yoke which the boys wore across their shoulders.

As now, each season brought its own work. The care of the lambs and calves came on, and, with the disappearance of the snow, the necessary repairs on fences and outbuildings, until plowing and planting occupied their time, until the hay season commenced, which brought all work and no play; for no ten hour system was in vogue then. At the first dawn of light in the east the mowers were in the meadows vying with each other for the width of swath, smoothness of cut, and dexterity of movement. No mowing machines, horse rakes, or pitching traps disfigured the hay fields, but the scythe, hand rake, and the two-tined fork were the implements used, and worked by brawny arms until gradually lengthening shadows of the stately elm and maple had disappeared in the dimness of evening twilight. The early breakfast, mid-day dinner, and evening meal were often interspersed with lunches of bread and cheese and nutcakes with sweetened water and ginger, hard cider, and not unfrequently draughts from the brown jug in the bushes near the cold spring. Soon the busy hands would be at work until the sheaves of wheat and stooks of corn were gathered with the sickle and cradle; one thing followed another until finally in every room from garret to cellar were stored the products of the earth. In fact all the necessities and luxuries of life, all the accumulated wealth of nations, comes from mother earth by the work of the hands and the sweat of the brow.

We have briefly alluded to the ways and means of procuring food in those days of toil and hardship, and would like to say a few words with regard to their clothing and how it was procured. Mr. Almon Spear, whom I see is present, will probably remember, as I do, the little patch of flax, which grew at the corner of the barn and which his sisters and I pulled from the ground and laid in rows, where the damp nights and foggy mornings would loosen the husk from the fibre. Afterwards it was gathered into bundles and laid away in the barn. In due time it was submitted to the horrible brake that worked like the jaws of a walrus, then it was put on a swingling board and with a long wooden swingle knife the husks were taken off. The female members of the family then took it in charge and, after drawing it through a course and a fine hetchel, carded it into soft moss-like rolls, ready to be wound around the distaff of the little spinning wheel, and drawn into threads which passed along the fliers and wound upon the spindle, thence to the swifts, and lastly to the loom, where it is ingeniously arranged and woven into cloth. The matron, as she sat upon her high seat working the treadles with her feet and alternately throwing the shuttle with her hands, while the piece of cloth before her was thread by thread growing in length, seemed to me a more wonderful person than the Queen of England. I hoped to see on exhibition here to-day some of all the articles then in use for domestic manufacturing. No doubt many a garret or shed-loft in this place has some of the many articles, then in daily use, packed away as useless. I can show you at my house a room in which will be found hetchels, cards, the great wheel and the little one, swifts and the reel, a reed, shuttle, spools and quills, also a brass warming-pan, footstove, candlestick, snuffers and tray, a pewter platter, etc.; have as yet no quill wheel, nor light stand with movable top, but expect some of the good ladies will send me these and other relics to aid me in completing my assortment.

But it was not all work in those early times. We had many things containing fun combined with the useful, such as apple paring bees, huskings, and spelling schools, besides singing schools. What fun we had, after paring, coring and stringing a few baskets of apples, in playing blindman's buff, hunting for the button, and dancing, though that was wicked in the days when Deacon Bass and Esq. Nichols regulated the morals and actions of the young people; but it was hopping to the music of the Jew's harp played by the celebrated Ellery Pettis, whose grimaces and graceful movements have been rarely excelled by the pianist of modern times. After sport came refreshments—wheat bread, nutcakes, cheese, and pumpkin pie baked in a square tin, and a lucky fellow was he who had a corner piece. The huskings, too, didn't we enjoy them? seated in a half-circle around a heap of corn on the barn floor, the place dimly lighted by a tin lantern; and the commotion when some one found a red ear! The spelling schools at the school house on the hill, where Master Flint conducted the ceremonies with all the pomp and authority of a major-general of the army. In choosing sides for spelling, who was to sit beside us was of more importance than the selection of seats in the halls of congress.

Our grand-parents and fathers then paid their debts with promptness;



while their fourpences and ninepences were saved for postage and taxes, the products of the field and the forest were exchanged for services and luxuries. On the first of April of each year stock payments were made—oxen, cows, sheep, and young stock of all kinds were appraised by those authorized to fix their value. Many a cow and calf and sheep would pass from the farmer to the doctor, from him to the blacksmith, and by him transferred to the merchant. In time of sickness and poverty the aged and the widow were not overlooked, for the neighbors would join with hearts and hands and gather forage for the cows and fuel for the hearth.

There were no railroads then to transport the surplus products to market. Capt. Isaac Nichols and Capt. Nathaniel Spear, with horses or oxen or both combined, would transport to Boston in canvass covered wagons, corn, oats, frozen quarters of beef, carcasses of hogs, sheep, and poultry, with a few thousand shingles, a gross or more of bushel baskets, and sometimes wool and home-made cloths would be added to the load. All such articles would be exchanged for "boughten" sugar, "boughten" molasses, tea, salt, cod-fish, and other articles which were considered luxuries in those days of primitive life. Wagons and other vehicles drawn by horses were rarely in possession of the early settlers. When going to meeting and taking children to school, when making visits to distant neighbors and attending social gatherings, even to balls and weddings, a yoke of oxen and sled was the most common mode of conveyance, the excursionists wrapped in woolen bed blankets to protect them from the cold. It was also quite common to see husband and wife and one or two children on the same horse wending their way to meeting and to other places. Often have we seen huge bags of grain taken to the mill in that way, and blankets tied up full of fleeces of wool hung to the horn of the side saddle, conveyed to the carding machines many miles distant, by the mistress of the farm house or by one of the grown up girls.

We had our holidays. Of Christmas we knew nothing, and we had never heard of Santa Claus with his toys and his jimcracks. It was Thanksgiving we looked forward to, weeks in advance of the coming day. John Antwoine, the tailor, and Crispin, the shoemaker, had been at work in the kitchen preparing our winter garments to be put on for the first time on Thanksgiving morning.

When morning came everybody was astir in the house, a fire was blazing in the kitchen fire place, the oven heating, and the anniversary fire in the square room, where stood the high post bedstead with its copper plate curtains, the bureau, extending from floor to ceiling, and a few other articles of simple furniture, and whose walls were ornamented by a few profiles and pictures of the martyrs, and among them John Rogers burning at the stake. What a great fire place that was in the kitchen and how much could be done at it to prepare the Thanksgiving dinner!—pots and kettles dangling from the crane, the turkey and spare-rib suspended before it, and the joints of beef in the roaster on the hearth. But it was insignificant compared to the old brick oven; why! when the door was opened to that mysterious cavern, out of it would come huge plum puddings in brown earthen pans, chicken pies, loaves



of bread, and all sorts of pies, in square tins, large plates and saucers and fragments of crockery. What an abundance of everything there was, and so good, too! all the better for being prepared by the hands of our dear loving mothers.

There were so many of us: grandfather, grandmother, father and mother, uncles and aunts and cousins by the dozens! we couldn't *all* sit down to the table. The old folks sat in chairs and the younger stood around the festive board. After dinner it was play and sport; the whole house was licensed to the children; the garret, the cellar and the most sacred of all places even, the square room, the buttery, the closets, and all the cupboards were ransacked and everything turned topsy-turvy. When it was time for the children to go to bed the establishment looked as if there had been an earthquake. But we had a real good time, didn't we?

The Monday following the feast day was the opening day of the winter schools. We all went with our best clothes on. How neat the girls were, dressed in their bran new flannel gowns with a vandyke bound with blue and white calico! Point lace, Honiton and Valenciennes laces had gone out or had not come into fashion then. Their hoods, neatly quilted, covered their heads and ears to keep them warm. Girls did not wear hats then perched upon the tops and sides of their heads, ornamented with fowls and feathers, and of all shapes as if they had been run over by a train of cars. They wore good warm woolen mittens and stockings knit by their mothers or themselves, not the three, four and five button gloves to cover pipe-stem arms, shrivelled wrists and vulture clawed fingers, nor thin, bright colored cotton stockings with long dresses to cover the holes in the heels.

Wasn't it glorious to look at those red, full faced, broad shouldered, big waisted girls? It was rarely we saw a pale-faced girl with wasp-like figure in the days of our youth. When we did it was an object of our pity and commiseration.

The boys, too—great stalwart fellows in blue frocks and home made coats and trowsers and cow hide boots, brave, bold, and strong of muscle, well fitted for the plow and scythe in the field, and the axe in the forest.

Such girls and boys were fit for the sculptor to chisel in marble his Madonnas, Venus di Medicis and Ariadne and the Lion, Hercules and the wrestlers now seen and so much admired in ancient Rome and Greece.

Where are the girls and boys who were with and of us in those halcyon days of our youth? As I look around me I see few that I know, I hope there are many others whom I do not recognize; those I do know have stamped upon them the marks of time, upon their heads are the significant tokens of age, and the senses that bridge over the space between life and death are dim and weakened.

Where are the Nicholsons, the Besses, the Welds, the Pratts, the Flints, the Harwoods, the Curtises, the Whites, the Craigs, the Spears, the Fittses, the Kidders, the Hutchinsons, the Copelands, the Frenches, the Morses, the Smiths, the Holmans, the Crams, the Duboises, the Riders, the Killums, Huntingtons, Howards, Tilsons, Boltens, Wellses Albans, Cushmans, Cleverlys

Vintons, Snows, Bentons, Goochs, Randalls, the Partridges, the Waites, the Rifords, the Battleses, the Chases, the Linfields, the Clarks, the Byams, the Wakefields, the Hunts, the Burridges, the Lyons, the Sumners, the Browns, the Bracketts, the Thayers, and many others whose names I do not recollect, so many years have passed since we were daily meeting each other? Many of them are sleeping the sleep from which none awaketh. By them and their descendants Braintree is represented in almost every state and territory in the Union, in the councils of the nation, in the defense of our country, in the struggles for the freedom of a race bowed down and oppressed, in the development of this vast country—its power, its wealth and luxuries—in the promotion and advancement of education, the diffusion of knowledge, in the spread of the gospel in foreign lands, in commerce, in manufactures, and in improved methods for interchange of thoughts, sentiments and principles among all peoples throughout the world. What a source of gratification and of thanksgiving it should be to us that we have lived and are still living in this age of improvement and advancement.

Not a century has elapsed since our farmers had to go to Charleston, N. H., quite a hundred miles distant, to have their corn and wheat ground into meal; now it is at our very doors. Weeks would pass in conveying intelligence to our friends in Massachusetts and Connecticut and in receiving replies from them; now it takes only as many minutes. Messages from our government to foreign lands would require months for transit; now, within a few minutes the same can be done.

Our languishing President in the White House receives messages expressing anxiety and sympathy from kings and potentates in the far-off nations of the earth, as they fall from their lips. Lovers, miles and miles apart, are whispering tender messages into each other's ears. Then, full three years were required to circumnavigate the globe; now, it can be accomplished in three months. It is truly wonderful what steam navigation, railway travel, the telegraph and telephone have accomplished in our day, and who knows what is before us even in the days that we may live? The experience of the past exalts us to extravagant visions of the future.

However, let us not be puffed up with pride, nor exalted by vain glory. Let us not be allured by false doctrines and heresy. Let us not forget the good principles inculcated in us by our forefathers, nor fail to practice their virtues. May our prayers daily mingle at the throne of Divine Grace, that we may be faithful in the discharge of all our duties to the end of life and receive the plaudits of "good and faithful servants," and meet in that happy world to come, where love will make an endless day and we part no more forever.

Then the glee club sang the "Star Spangled Banner," and the platform was open for miscellaneous speaking, remarks, reminiscences, etc., by former citizens, visitors, etc., the latter, we noticed, occupying the time. Mr. Rowell of West Randolph made some remarks complimentary to the town, and some general remarks in reference to the principles of government characteristic of our town system. Dr. Bradford of Northfield spoke at length of early times,

and the exercises, extending through several hours, wound up with music by the band.

There were probably none present who will ever witness another ceremony of the kind in the town, for though towns may count their age by centuries, men in these later ages never do. Braintree has some distinguished sons, who, if they could have been present, would have added much to the interest of the occasion. Letters were read by Judge Nichols from Elias Weld of Buckston, Me., once a resident, and Hon. J. P. Kidder of Vermillion, Dak., a native of the town, expressing an interest in the centennial, and regretting their inability to be present.

Guns were fired at sunrise and at intervals throughout the day. The band furnished excellent music, and those having parts to perform, and the managers of the affair carried out their parts with a good degree of success. We heard of no accidents worthy of mention, notwithstanding the great number of teams in and about the grove. The people went to their homes seemingly well pleased with what they had seen and heard, and their thanks are due those who gave them an opportunity for so much enjoyment in reunions and reminiscences of the past.

## VII. A FEW SKETCHINGS.

Without effort nothing is, and much that is, cost not only effort but many a severe struggle. An apparent denial of this is found, perhaps, in the magic growth of towns and cities on the frontier, as the tidal wave of civilized life pushes over the plains, toward the great mountains, to be checked only by the shores of the vast Pacific. But there is a struggle even here, though in a short time cash, seeking investment, comes and helps push. Cash buys lands, improves them, and encourages settlement. Settlement soon makes a market, a town arises, and merchandise moves to and from by cartloads, ere long, by carloads. Ready cash does wonders. Braintree and her sister towns had no such backer. First, the town was granted by the legislature to a body of men, from whom was exacted only a tax sufficient to defray costs, and who thereafter were required to pay their quota of governmental expenses. It was covered with forest. Who had most muscle and courage had most available capital, and each capitalist was his own laborer. Such capital it was that bought and improved these lands. The growth was slow, but it was earning the cash, which has such power to-day. Compare a man compelled to cope alone with a hundred acres of forest with one able to employ a dozen or a score of laborers in the same enterprise.

Again, no frontier settlement to-day is so isolated that it is not within comparatively easy reach of the necessities of life by horse or steam power. But the Braintree pioneer was obliged to take a stock of provisions with him, lead a cow along to furnish milk for what browsing she could find, carry seed potatoes in his pocket, and his grist on his back, live on boiled wheat, little or no meat, leeks, clover tea, work hard, and almost starve at that, to say nothing of keeping his clothes on and his family tolerably sheltered.

In time, Boston was as distant then as Omaha is to-day; and the nearest places available for obtaining food were, by the same measure, almost if not quite as far away as Chicago, and far less accessible. Horseback and afoot were for a number of years the only means of travel; trails, the only highways. However, if provisions are brought to your door and your purse is empty, what does it matter? To the average settler coin was scarcer than food, and he who had aught to barter for it might regard himself most fortunate.

Whatever the genius of husbandman and housewife could produce by hook or crook and dint of perseverance, they had—little else. House, furniture, sleds, carts, plows, etc., were fashioned with an axe and one or two other simple tools. Oiled paper served for window panes. As a rule, each family raised, spun, wove and wore its own flax and wool. The whirl of the distaff and the clanking of the loom were more commonly and constantly heard than the sewing machine is now. Everything was clumsy and homely, but serviceable. Every man's Sunday suit (those able to have one) looked at least second cousin to his overalls, only they were neater. All ate, wore and slept on the products of their own industry. No matter how plain and coarse their fare, enough was luxury. A gentleman who has lived a long, industrious life acquired a handsome property and reared a large family, said that his annual average account at the store for years did not exceed twenty-five dollars—labor in-doors and out supplied the rest. This, too, was as late as 1825-30. Thus we see how necessity taught our ancestors that sharp economy which spreads a dollar the farthest. For actual necessities, a dollar in coin had the value of ten in greenbacks. One person has said that five dollars would bury one as respectably then as fifty will to-day.

True, there were speculators in those early days. James Brackett, Jacob Spear, Samuel Harwood, Bass & French, and perhaps two or three others, at different times bought and sold, altogether, a large part of the town of Braintree, and some of them got rich by it. The most of them labored with their own hands, also, and did much to settle and improve the town. A few others speculated less largely. There may have been the common talk and complaint about the few getting rich at the expense of the many, can't tell; but it seems evident, at least, that the pioneer speculator was more philanthropic than his modern relative. Capital and labor had not dissolved partnership then. Then, they who worked were gentlemen, and poverty, alone, did not ostracize any from church or society. The poor were in fashion: at the same time, no one cared for fashion only so he acquired wealth.

It is not difficult to understand the greater or less indifference of our ancestors to moral and mental culture, especially the latter. Food and clothing they must have; these obtained, the surplus, if any, was meagre, and required in reserve against possible need. It is not very strange that some got the notion that the sole object of living was simply to live, and a hard pull at that. We can almost, if not quite, condone the attitude of those who closed ears and pocket against all appeals for the support of religion, or opposed even schools for rudimentary instruction. The most of the earlie



settlers, and a part of the generation immediately following, were the most zealous in sustaining religious worship, and during this period the churches did their best work. As these dropped out, one by one, religious interest waned, and the circle of those on whom the burdens fell grew smaller and smaller. It was true, also, that more on a few members than on the churches has always rested the religious life of the community; in this sense no church in town has ever been *self*-sustaining, and, with but slight modification, the same is true of each, financially. All that has been accomplished, the little that is now being done, is due almost wholly to the individual effort of a few. Sagacity taught men then, as now, that one's name on a church subscription paper would buy custom, and the sole interest of few, in church and religious matters, was simply their personal aggrandizement. John French, for instance, fought spot after spot for locating the meeting house, till finally it was set near his premises, and thereby increased their value. That was all he cared about it. In fact, between then and now, the spirit of the times has changed very little.

Perhaps it may not be unfair to say that a good majority of the early inhabitants of Braintree had some degree of disdain for "book-learning"—plausibly because penury of pocket was more grievous than brain penury. By some, going to school was regarded a waste of time and money, the making of idlers and fops. The present generation has here and there a specimen who thinks the same. To such, a fellow with a pair each of strong, sound legs and arms, even if they groped in darkest ignorance, was lengths ahead of any educated "dunce." They *were* poor at first, unable to educate their children even if good schools were at their door, and free of cost; children, as soon as they were old enough, had to earn their living, and with their help hunger was too often a pitiless visitor. In time, the new settlement outgrew this; there was plenty and to spare. Nearly all the permanent population became "well off." There was little change in public sentiment about schools, however. They scarcely improved when means were ample. This indifference to mental and moral improvement is part of the legacy which the past has bequeathed to the present.

But, after all, it was a long struggle, in which the immediate want was bread, not faith; and muscle, not books, could earn it. *We* do not and cannot know how nobly they fought the "wolf from the door." Our grandfathers and grandmothers were heroes. Whatever their weaknesses, we admire their heroism. They were patriotic and loyal, too. Liberty, for which they had fought, was dearer than life; and life with freedom, despite hardships, was regal. Brave old pioneers! Dear is the memory of you, so, may we keep it green. You have sown, we have garnered; to you, more than to ourselves, do we owe our treasures.

With neighbors miles apart, and scarcely, if at all, accessible in winter, life, socially, must have been more or less dreary. The necessity of constant and varied occupation made holidays a rarity. A visit from any one was welcomed with a warmth now accorded only to nearest friends. If sickness occurred, perhaps the only doctor to be had was the family stock of herbs.

If the doctor came, his almost sole remedy was blue pills, calomel, or bleeding—one or more. As neighbors came nearer they could be more social. Parties, kitchen dances, apple bees, huskings, spelling and singing schools, etc., were indulged, while Thanksgivings, June trainings and show days bore a conspicuous part. Church rules tended to restrain members thereof from going to some of these social gatherings, and "discipline," perhaps, followed such offense. Among other similar old papers was found a "confession" to her pastor, of a lady who was labored with for "indulging in too much levity" at a party. She evidently felt the awful sin of having been jolly; however, she may have deserved disciplining. Cider was a quite common beverage in early times, and, with some, rum was deemed indispensable in haying and at "raisings." A story is told of one man who had recently been elected Justice of the Peace, and it "set him up" considerably. There was to be a raising soon, and he thought his best suit was not good enough to grace his person in such a crowd as would be called together, nor to give distinction to his official dignity; so he borrowed a better one from a neighbor and went to the raising as pompous as a major, determined to maintain, as far as in him lay, peace and good order. The inevitable demijohn passed around, and the Squire couldn't resist. Again and again he sipped the fragrant juice. On the way home he failed to handle his legs correctly, and tumbled into a mud puddle, completely ruining his neighbor's clothes. In general, however, people were temperate in the use of liquors, although many kept them constantly on hand.

The customs and fashions prevalent in olden times were, as now, governed by circumstances. The proudest, old and young, were not too good to ride to church, weddings or parties, on sleds or carts drawn by oxen. The young man "who would a-wooing go," felt no more bashful in thick cow hides and homespun than does his modern cousin in St. Crispin's neatest fit and the tailor's latest style. Those were the best then. "Bangs" were in vogue only among certain Indian tribes. Custom permitted the use of a little "wine" for "the stomach's sake," to the risk of some who never learned how much irritation that organ would bear. Minds, morals and manners were crude. Books and newspapers were scarce—a chief agent by which the average boy or girl of fifteen to-day has a better education than the average adult of fifty years ago or more. But, if some modern advantages *were* wanting, there was energy, there was progress; if those "good old times" were good, it was because those who lived in them made them so. "God helps those that help themselves."

While it is true that the history of the settlement and growth of all towns is the same, essentially, differing only in the matter of names and details, yet that difference makes the history of any town distinctively its own. So with the history of Braintree. And you, citizens and natives of its hills and valleys, are proud of its history, proud of each partner in all the toils and struggles and hardships, of which that history is the outcome. The centennial celebration was a fitting close to the hundredth year of the town's existence. It exhibited no trophies of science, art or skill. People came to see not these, but old friends and acquaintances, to hear of old things, to enjoy having

"old times" pass before them in review—and the old folks were gratified at the result.

And now, reader, to this point the task is done. The history lies before you. In its perusal you will doubtless recall many interesting things which the memory of the writer could not reach; which he therefore could not know, because you did not make them known. But whatever its imperfections, neither labor nor pains have been spared to make this volume as rich as possible with facts, anecdotes and reminiscences, and to tell them concisely and clearly. How far short of that aim it comes you are judge.

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### PROFESSIONALS, ETC.

**NATIVE COLLEGIANS.**—Jeremiah Flint, 1811, Joseph Huntington, William Schuyler Martin, Edward Randall, William H. Nichols, Elbridge Gerry, from Middlebury College; Edwin Flint, 1836, John B. Hutchinson, 1843, G. Washington Pratt, from Vermont University; John Hutchinson, Joseph R. Flint, 1878, Victor I. Spear, scientific, 1874, from Dartmouth; A. M. Nichols, from Hudson (O.) College; Allen H. Weld, 1834, from Yale; Ludovicus Parmly, unknown; H. Royce Bass, 1879, Oberlin, O.: Judson Huntington, Columbian College, Washington, D. C.

**NATIVE LAWYERS.**—Edwin Flint, La Crosse, Wis., John B. Hutchinson, S. Minot Flint, Jefferson P. Kidder, Vermillion, Dak., Hiram Spear, Alvin W. Barry, Rush Brook Thayer, S. G. P. Craig, William H. Nichols, Frank N. Holman. **OTHERS.**—B. F. Chamberlain, Robbins Densmore, Thomas Nevens.

**NATIVE PHYSICIANS.**—Levina Ford, 1853, Worcester (Mass.) Medical College; Samuel W. Thayer, Jr., 1838, Vermont Medical College; Charles W. Harback, 1879, and Selvy A. Bass, 1882, from Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago. **OTHERS.**—Ithamar Tilden, Joseph DuBois, George Weld, Samuel W. Thayer, Samuel Craig, Benjamin F. Rickard, Philander D. Bradford, — Strong, Benton Pride, H. D. Hodge, D. D. Davis. **DENTISTS.**—Elijah Huntington, 1872, Philadelphia Dental College; Levi and Eleazer Parmly, among the earliest practitioners in the country; all natives of Braintree.

**NATIVE MINISTERS.**—Jeremiah Flint, Elbridge Gerry, Joseph R. Flint, Congregational; Judson and Joseph Huntington, Jonathan Tilson, Ludovicus Parmly, Baptist; Lazarus Riford, Christian; Edward Randall, Episcopal; David, John, Edmund and Andrew J. Copeland, Methodist. **OTHERS.**—Aaron Cleveland, Ammi Nichols, Elijah Brainerd, Elijah Lyman, Elbridge Knight, John B. Griswold, C. H. Coville, — Simonds, L. S. Vincent, Congregational; Elijah Huntington, — Blood, — Arnold, — Robinson, Hiram D. Hodge, George S. Chase, Samuel Woodbury, Baptist; Elias Cobb, Christopher W. Martin, Leonard Wheeler, Christian; Jehial and Leonard Austin, Methodist.

The above lists are, probably, more or less incomplete.

## VIII. OFFICIAL RECORD.

The following are the names of the principal officers in Braintree from the date of its organization:

## SELECTMEN.

1788. Jacob Spear,	Ebenezer White,	Stephen Fuller.
1789. Dea. Isaac Nichols,	Samuel Spear,	Matthew Pratt.
1790. Isaac Nichols,	Stephen Fuller,	Nehemiah Curtis.
1791. Ebenezer White,	Nehemiah Curtis,	Nathaniel Hutchinson.
1792. Capt. R. Partridge,	Dea. Samuel Bass,	Samson Nichols.
1793. Ebenezer White,	Benjamin Vesey,	Samson Nichols.
1794. Ebenezer White,	John French,	Benjamin Vesey.
1795. Capt. John French,	Samson Nichols,	Stephen Fuller,
Samuel Spear,	John Kidder.	
1796-8. John French,	Samson Nichols,	Stephen Fuller.
1799. John French,	John Hutchinson,	Stephen Fuller.
1800. John French,	John Hutchinson,	Samson Nichols.
1801. Samson Nichols,	John Hutchinson,	Ebenezer White.
1802. Col. John French,	Ebenezer White,	Samson Nichols.
1803. John French,	Capt. Joseph Riford,	Job Mann.
1804. John French,	Job Mann,	Benjamin Vesey.
1805. John French,	John Hutchinson,	Benjamin Vesey.
1806. John French,	Capt. Wm. Ford, Jr.,	Zion Copeland.
1807. Zion Copeland,	William Ford, Jr.,	John Hutchinson.
1808-10. John Hutchinson,	Maj. Wm. Ford, Jr.,	Capt. Isaac Nichols, Jr.
1811. John Hutchinson,	Benjamin Vesey,	Isaac Nichols, Jr.
1812. John Hutchinson,	Joseph Riford,	Lyman Kidder.
1813-14. Lyman Kidder,	Joseph Riford,	Capt. S. Harwood, Jr.
1815. Maj. William Ford, Jr.,	Lyman Kidder,	Isaac Nichols, Jr.
1816. William Ford, Jr.,	Isaac Nichols, Jr.,	Jonathan Bass.
1817. William Ford, Jr.,	John Hutchinson,	Samuel Harwood, Jr.
1818. William Ford, Jr.,	Samuel Harwood, Jr.,	Lyman Kidder.
1819. William Ford, Jr.,	Lyman Kidder,	Samuel Harwood, Jr.
1820. William Ford, Jr.,	Lyman Kidder,	Isaac Nichols, Jr.
1821. William Ford, Jr.,	Jacob Spear,	Nathan Harwood.
1822. William Ford, Jr.,	Jacob Bailey,	Lyman Kidder.
1823. William Ford, Jr.,	John Hutchinson,	Joseph Riford.
1824. William Ford, Jr.,	Isaac Nichols,	Nathan Harwood.
1825. John Hutchinson,	Levi Spear,	Samuel Craig.
1826. William Ford, Jr.,	Lyman Kidder,	Samuel Craig.
1827-30. Josiah Tilson,	Daniel Waite, Jr.,	Jabez Smith.
1831. Daniel Waite, Jr.,	Seth Riford,	Nathan Harwood.
1832-3. Daniel Waite, Jr.,	Samuel Riford,	Nathan Harwood.
1834. Jabez Smith,	Zenas Thayer,	Augustus Flint.



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1835. Jabez Smith,	Augustus Flint,	C. Huntington.
1836. Jehiel Ford,	Alfred Nevens,	Jacob Spear.
1837. Daniel Waite, Jr.,	Elijah Flint,	Avery Fitts.
1838. Daniel Waite, Jr.,	Avery Fitts,	Elijah Flint.
1839. Calvin Randall,	John S. Nichols,	Charles Brackett.
1840. Calvin Randall,	Jefferson P. Kidder,	Jonathan Holman.
1841. Nathan Harwood,	Augustus Flint,	Stephen Mann.
1842. Augustus Flint,	Levi Tracy,	Stephen Mann.
1843-4. Ira Kidder,	Robert Lyon,	Joseph Riford.
1845. Joseph Riford,	Augustus Flint,	John Waite.
1846. Augustus Flint,	John Waite,	Zelotus Wood.
1847. James Hutchinson, Jr.,	James Spear,	Ira Mann.
1848. Avery Fitts,	William Nichols,	Ira Mann.
1849. Ira Kidder,	John B. Hutchinson,	Rufus Flint.
1850. Ira Kidder,	Rufus Flint,	Henry Brackett.
1851. Whitman Howard,	Henry Brackett,	Avery Fitts.
1852-3. Whitman Howard,	Avery Fitts,	C. Huntington.
1854. C. Huntington,	Isaac Allen,	Rufus Hutchinson.
1855. C. Huntington,	Calvin Randall,	Rufus Hutchinson.
1856. C. Huntington,	Rufus Hutchinson,	James Hutchinson, Jr.
1857-8. C. Huntington,	Samuel Riford, Jr.,	Isaac Parish.
1859. Samuel Riford, Jr.,	Joseph C. Bryant,	Job W. Green.
1860. Joseph C. Bryant,	Job W. Green,	Josiah Tilson, Jr.
1861. Isaac Parish,	John R. Williams,	Jacob A. Spear.
1862. William C. Holman,*	John R. Williams,*	Jacob A. Spear.
1863. Jacob A. Spear,	William Bass,	Asa F. Nichols.
1864. Jacob A. Spear,	Asa F. Nichols,	Warren Stearns.
1865. Jacob A. Spear,	Warren Stearns,	Roswell G. Curtis.
1866. Samuel Riford,	Roswell G. Curtis,	Joseph Partridge.
1867-8. William C. Holman,	William Farnsworth,	Earl S. Cushman.
1869. Samuel Riford,	Earl S. Cushman,	William Farnsworth.
1870. Samuel Riford,	William Bass,	David P. Mudgett.
1871. Samuel Riford,	David P. Mudgett,	George W. Flagg.
1872. David P. Mudgett,	George W. Flagg,	Samuel R. Batchellor.
1873. George W. Flagg,	Samuel R. Batchellor,	Amasa W. Ferry.
1874-5. S. R. Batchellor,	Amasa W. Ferry,	Charles L. Drury.
1876. Amasa W. Ferry,	H. Sherman Harwood,	George Hutchinson.
1877. George Hutchinson,	William H. Nichols,	Daniel V. Page.
1878-9. William H. Nichols,	Daniel V. Page,	George Tarbell.
1880. George Tarbell,	Victor I. Spear,	Allen H. Flint.
1881-2. Victor I. Spear,	Allen H. Flint,	Russel A. Flint.
1883. Allen H. Flint,	Russell A. Flint,	Heman A. Powers.

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\*Resigned, and Sept. 2, William Bass and Joseph Partridge chosen in their stead.

## LISTERS.

1788.	Jacob Spear,	Ebenezer White,	Stephen Fuller.
1789.	Ebenezer White,	Samson Nichols,	Elijah Spear.
1790.	Capt. R. Partridge,	Samson Nichols,	Benjamin Vesey.
1791.	Capt. R. Partridge,	Benjamin Vesey,	William Scott.
1792.	Capt. Jacob Spear,	Benjamin Vesey,	Capt. R. Partridge.
1793.	Solomon Holman, Esq.,	Samuel Waite,	Isaac Nichols, Jr.
1794.	John French,	Ebenezer White,	Benjamin Vesey.
1795.	Daniel Waite,	Joseph Riford,	Elijah French.
1796.	John Kidder,	Joseph Riford,	Benjamin Vesey.
1797.	John Kidder,	Benjamin Vesey,	Job Mann.
1798.	Maj. John French,	Capt. Jacob Spear,	Reuben Kibbey.
1799.	John Hutchinson,	Isaac Nichols, Jr.,	Joseph Riford.
1800.	Daniel Waite,	John Rice,	Henry Brackett.
1801.	Ebenezer White,	John Hutchinson,	Lt. Joseph Riford.
1802.	Capt. Joseph Riford,	Samson Nichols,	Daniel Waite.
1803.	Ebenezer White,	Samson Nichols,	Henry Brown,
	William Green,	Joseph Spear.	
1804.	John French,	Job Mann,	Stephen Fuller.
1805.	Zion Copeland,	Samson Nichols,	Capt. William Ford.
1806.	Ebenezer White,	Capt. William Ford,	Zion Copeland.
1807.	Jonathan Bass,	Benjamin Vesey,	Samson Nichols.
1808.	Ebenezer White,	Job Mann,	Benjamin Vesey.
1809.	Samson Nichols,	Job Mann,	Benjamin Vesey,
	Abel Martin,	Solomon Holman.	
1810.	Capt. Samuel Harwood,	Benjamin Vesey,	Abel Martin.
1811.	Samuel Harwood,	Samson Nichols,	Maj. William Ford.
1812.	Lyman Kidder,	Matthew Pratt,	Joel Pratt,
	Job Mann.		
1813.	Samuel Harwood, Jr.,	Lyman Kidder,	Matthew Pratt,
	Samson Nichols,	Job Mann.	
1814.	Lyman Kidder,	Joseph Riford,	Samuel Harwood, Jr.,
	John Vinton,	David Partridge.	
1815.	Samson Nichols.	Samuel Harwood, Jr.,	Phineas Flint,
	Caleb Ford,	Jacob Bailey.	
1816.	Samson Nichols,	Samuel Harwood, Jr.,	John Flint,
	Solomon Holman,	Jacob Bailey.	
1817.	Lyman Kidder,	Samson Nichols,	Joseph Riford,
	John Flint,	Rufus Hutchinson.	
1818.	Isaac Bass,	David Nichols,	Samuel Riford,
	Caleb Nichols,	Jacob Spear.	
1819.	Jonathan Bass,	Jacob Bailey,	Solomon Holman,
	Fielder Clark,	Jehiel Ford.	
1820.	Joseph Riford,	Joel Pratt,	Zion Copeland.
1821.	Zion Copeland,	Joseph Riford,	Rufus Flint.
1822.	Jonathan Bass,	Zion Copeland,	Rufus Hutchinson.

1823. James Parker, Samuel Craig,	Jeptha Howard, Noah B. Cady.	Samuel Riford,
1824. Samuel Riford,	Fielder Clark,	Samuel Bass, Jr.
1825. Samuel W. Thayer,	Daniel Waite, Jr.,	Josiah Tilson.
1826. Rufus Hutchinson,	Charles Brackett,	Noah B. Cady.
1827. Jacob Spear,	Joseph Spear,	Zion Copeland.
1828. Zenas Thayer,	Samuel W. Thayer,	Gorden Randall.
1829. Gorden Randall,	Elijah Flint,	Samuel Riford.
1830. Seth Riford,	Abner Nichols,	Jeptha Howard.
1831. Zion Copeland, Augustus Flint,	Samuel Riford, Calvin Randall.	Jonathan B. Bass,
1832. Samuel Riford,	Samuel Harwood,	Elijah Flint.
1833. C. Huntington,	John Waite,	Fielder Clark.
1834. Samuel Riford,	Elijah Flint,	Alfred Nevens.
1835. Elijah Flint,	Alfred Nevens,	Samuel Brackett.
1836. Alfred Nevens,	John Curtis,	Samuel Brackett.
1837. Alfred Nevens,	John Waite,	C. Huntington.
1838. John Waite, William Cushman,	Calvin Randall, Otis Ford.	Luther S. Goodno,
1839. John Curtis,	Luther S. Goodno,	Samuel Brackett.
1840. Azel Lyman,	William Nichols,	Otis S. Ford.
1841. Alfred Nevens,	C. Huntington,	Robert Lyon.
1842. Alfred Nevens, Elijah Flint.	Whitman Howard,	Joseph Riford,
1843. Daniel Cram,	William Nichols,	Rufus Hutchinson.
1844. Daniel Cram,	James Spear,	William Nichols.
1845. William Nichols,	C. Huntington,	Ira Mann.
1846. Ira Mann,	William Nichols,	William Cushman.
1847. Ira Mann,	Rufus Hutchinson,	William Nichols.
1848. William Nichols,	Ira Mann,	John B. Hutchinson.
1849-50. Jacob Bailey,	Joseph Riford,	Z. B. Flint.
1851. Ira Mann,	Jarvis Tilson,	Charles A. Clark.
1852. Ira Mann,	Augustus Flint,	Rufus Hutchinson.
1853. William Cushman,	John Waite,	Charles A. Clark.
1854. William Cushman,	Ira Mann,	Henry Bass.
1855-6. Ira Mann,	Josiah Tilson, Jr.,	William C. Holman.
1857. Josiah Tilson, Jr.,	William C. Holman,	Joseph C. Bryant.
1858. Joseph C. Bryant,	Earl S. Cushman,	John R. Williams.
1859. Earl S. Cushman,	John R. Williams,	Joel Whiting.
1860. John Waite,	Avery Fitts,	C. Huntington.
1861-2. Almon Battles,	Luther W. Blanchard,	John Waite.
1863. John Waite,	Luther W. Blanchard,	Russell A. Flint.
1864. Isaac Parish,	Josiah Tilson, Jr.,	Henry Bass.
1865. Henry Bass,	Ira Mann,	James P. Cleveland, Jr.
1866-7. Ira Mann,	J. P. Cleveland, Jr.,	George W. Flagg.
1868. Ira Mann,	George W. Flagg,	J. P. Cleveland, Jr.

1869. Ira Mann,	J. P. Cleveland, Jr.,	George W. Flagg.
1870. Ira Mann,	J. P. Cleveland, Jr.,	Samuel R. Batchellor.
1871. Ira Mann,	Samuel R. Batchellor,	Joseph Partridge.
1872. Joseph Partridge,	Samuel R. Batchellor,	Ira Mann.
1873. Joseph Partridge,	Henry W. Fitts,	Samuel Riford.
1874. Joseph Partridge,	Samuel Riford,	J. P. Cleveland, Jr.
1875. Samuel Riford,	J. P. Cleveland, Jr.,	Henry W. Fitts.
1876-7. Ira Mann,	Henry W. Fitts,	George Tarbell.
1878. Ira Mann,	Henry W. Fitts,	Samuel R. Batchellor.
1879. Ira Mann,	Samuel R. Batchellor,	Henry Bass.
1880. Samuel R. Batchellor,	Henry Bass,	Alfred Webster.
1881. Ira Mann,	Samuel R. Batchellor,	Henry Bass.
1882. Ira Mann,	Henry Bass,	Samuel B. F. Abbott.
1883. Ira Mann,	Alfred Webster,	Theodore B. Kendall.

## TOWN CLERKS.

1788-98. Elijah French.	1799-1806. John French,
Elijah French was killed March 9,	1807-8. Jonathan Bass,
1798, and March 29 John French was	1809-46. Ammi Nichols,
elected clerk and treasurer in his	1847-81. John S. Nichols,
stead.	1882—. William H. Nichols.

## TREASURERS.

1788-98. Elijah French,	1831-2. Abner Nichols, Jr.,
1799-1806. John French,	1833-5. Fielder Clark,
1807-8. Jonathan Bass,	1836-8. John S. Nichols,
1809-16. Ammi Nichols,	1839-48. William Nichols,
1817-23. Ebenezer White,	1849-50. Robert Lyon,
1824. Jonathan Bass,	1851-81. John S. Nichols,
1825-30. Lyman Kidder,	1882—. William H. Nichols.

## CONSTABLES.

1788. Edward Bass,	1823-27. Rufus Hutchinson,
1789. Jacob Spear,	1828. Lyman Kidder, Jr.,
1790. Samson Nichols,	1829. Jonathan S. Fitts,
Jacob Spear,	Joseph Riford,
1791. Jacob Spear,	1830. Joseph Riford,
1792. Ebenezer White,	Jonathan S. Fitts,
Jacob Spear,	1831. Roswell Morris,
1793. Stephen Fuller,	Joseph Riford,
Jacob Spear,	1832. William Vesey,
1794. Nathaniel Hutchinson,	Roswell Morris,
1795. Samuel Bass,	1833-4. William Vesey,
1796. Nathaniel Spear,	Simeon Curtis,
1797. Samuel Spear,	Nov. 11, 1834, Jonathan Holman
1798-99. Zion Copeland,	elected first constable in place
1800. Matthew Pratt,	of Vesey, absconded.



1801. Benjamin Vesey.	1835. Jonathan Holman,
1802-3. William Ford, Jr.,	Simeon Curtis,
1804. Isaac Nichols, Jr.,	1836. Nathan D. Parish,
1805. Job Mann,	1837-8. Jefferson P. Kidder,
1806. John Hutchinson,	1839. Samuel Fitts,
Job Mann	1840-42. Edmund Tilson,
1807. Rufus Flint,	1843-4. Benj. B. Chase,
Joseph Riford,	1845-7. Zachariah B. Flint,
1808. Rufus Flint,	1848-9. Heman A. Bass,
1809. Caleb Nichols,	1850. Otis S. Ford,
1810-13. Joseph Riford,	1851-2. J. Q. A. Bass,
1814. Samuel Riford,	1853. E. Perkins Flint, resigned; Z. B.
1815-17. Rufus Hutchinson,	Flint elected May 2,
1818. Geo. Washington Nichols,	1854. Z. B. Flint,
1819. James Parker,	1855-9. Charles A. Clark,
1820. Joseph Riford,	1860-1. Parker Adams,
1821-22. John Hutchinson,	1862-83. Ira Mann.

## OVERSEERS.

1806. William Ford, Jr.,	1817-18. Zion Copeland,
Zion Copeland,	Daniel Waite,
Seth Mann.	Jacob Bailey,
1807. Seth Mann,	Joseph Riford.
Dr. Ithamar Tilden,	1819-20. Jacob Spear.
William Ford, Jr.	1824. The Selectmen.
1811-12. Seth Mann,	1826-7. John Hutchinson.
Samuel Bass, Jr.,	1830-1. Arunah Spear.
Joseph Spear.	1832-3. Samuel Harwood.
1813. Abraham Ford,	1834-8. Elijah Flint.
Matthew Pratt,	1839-41. Augustus Flint.
Isaac Nichols, Jr.	1842-6. Elijah Flint.
1814. Seth Mann,	1847-52. Augustus Flint.
Caleb Nichols,	1853-6. Elijah Flint.
Zion Copeland,	1857-9. Whitman Howard.
Joseph Spear.	1860. J. Q. A. Bass.
1815. William Ford, Jr.,	1861-4. William Farnsworth.
Lyman Kidder,	1865-75. James P. Cleveland, Jr.
Isaac Nichols, Jr.	1876. H. Harrison Harwood.
1816. William Ford, Jr.,	1877-80. James P. Cleveland, Jr.
Isaac Nichols, Jr.,	1881-2. Henry Bass.
Jonathan Bass.	1883. M. Daniel Laport.

## TOWN AGENTS.

1824. Rufus Hutchinson,	1840. Whitman Howard,
Lyman Kidder,	1841-2. Arunah Spear,
1825-9. William Ford, Jr.,	1843-5. Augustus Flint,
Lyman Kidder,	1846-7. Ziba Bass,

1830. Lyman Kidder, Samuel Riford,	1848. John B. Hutchinson,
1831. John Hutchinson, Nathan Harwood, Lyman Kidder, Samuel Bass, Jr., Abner Nichols, Jr.,	1849. Joseph Riford,
1832-3. Samuel Riford, Arunah Spear,	1850. Ira Kidder,
1834. John Curtis, Lyman Kidder,	1851-3. Jonathan Holman,
1835. Lyman Kidder, John Curtis,	1854. Augustus Flint,
1836. Samuel Riford, John Curtis,	1855-6. Jonathan Holman,
1837. B. F. Chamberlain, Elijah Flint,	1857. Alex. P. Harback,
1839. Augustus Flint,	1858-60. William Farnsworth,
	1861-2. Ira Mann,
	1863-5. Roswell G. Curtis,
	1866-8. William H. Nichols,
	1869-71. James P. Cleveland, Jr.,
	1872-5. William H. Nichols,
	1876. Russell A. Flint,
	1877-80. William H. Nichols,
	1881-2. Victor I. Spear,
	1883—. George L. Spear.

## TOWN SUPERINTENDENTS.

Till 1848, school committees or trustees were elected, from one to eleven.	1861-2. Rev. H. D. Hodge,
1848-9. John B. Hutchinson,	1863. Lewis H. Spear,
1850-2. Elbridge Knight,	1865-6. Elijah Huntington,
1853-4. John S. Nichols,	1867-8. William H. Nichols,
1855-6. James P. Cleveland, Jr.,	1869. Henry Bass,
1857. William H. Nichols,	1870-4. William H. Nichols,
1858. John S. Nichols,	1875-9. Victor I. Spear,
1859. Samuel Hutchinson,	1880. DeWitt C. Flint,
1860. William H. Nichols,	1881-2. H. Royce Bass,
	1883. Rev. L. S. Vincent.

## TOWN REPRESENTATIVES.

1791-2. Isaac Nichols,	1834-5. Nathan Harwood,
1793. Unknown,	1836. Isaac Nichols, Jr.,
1794. Isaac Nichols,	1837. Elijah Flint,
1795-7. John French,	1838. Charles Brackett,
1798. Isaac Nichols, Jr.,	1839. John Waite,
1799. John Hutchinson,	1840. Charles Brackett,
1800. Isaac Nichols, Jr.,	1841. Jabez Smith,
1801-4. John Hutchinson,	1842. Elijah Flint,
1805. Lyman Kidder,	1843-4. Ira Kidder,
1806-8. John Hutchinson,	1845. Joseph Riford, 3d,
1809. Jonathan Bass,	1846-7. None,
1810-11. John Hutchinson,	1848-9. John S. Nichols,
1812-14. Lyman Kidder,	1850. Joseph Riford, 3d,
1815. William Ford, Jr.,	1851-2. Whitman Howard,
1816. Lyman Kidder,	1853-4. Elijah Flint,

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1817. John Hutchinson,	1855-6. Avery Fitts,
1818. William Ford, Jr.,	1857-8. None,
1819-20. Lyman Kidder,	1859. Christopher Huntington,*
1821. William Ford, Jr.,	1860-1. John Waite,
1822. John Hutchinson,	1862-3. Jacob A. Spear,
1823. William Ford, Jr.,	1866-7. James P. Cleaveland, Jr.,
1824. John Hutchinson,	1868-9. William C. Holman.
1825. William Ford, Jr.,	
1826. Lyman Kidder,	BI-ENNIAL SESSIONS.
1827. Rufus Hutchinson,	1870. William H. Nichols,
1828. William Ford, Jr.,	1872. Earl S. Cushman,
1829. Jonathan Bass,	1874. H. Sherman Harwood.
1830-1. Seth Riford,	1876-8. George L. Spear,
1832-3. Daniel Waite, Jr.,	1880. Victor I. Spear,
	1882. Henry W. Fitts.

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## STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS.

LIEUT.-GOV.—Jefferson P. Kidder, 1852-3.

SENATORS.—Jefferson P. Kidder, 1847-8; John B. Hutchinson, 1851-2, '57, '64-5; John Waite, 1854-5; James Hutchinson, Jr., 1868-9.

ASSISTANT JUDGES.—Ira Kidder, 1850; John Waite, 1860-61; James Hutchinson, Jr., 1864-5; James P. Cleveland, Jr., 1878; William H. Nichols, 1872-3.

STATE'S ATTORNEY.—S. Minot Flint, 1853-5.

JUDGES OF PROBATE.—J. B. Hutchinson, 1853-5; William H. Nichols, 1874—.

HIGH BAILIFF.—James P. Cleveland, Jr., 1862-3.

SHERIFF.—James P. Cleveland, Jr., 1866-7.

James P. Cleveland, Jr., was appointed enrolling officer for Braintree in 1863, and in 1880 census enumerator.

In 1866, John Waite was commissioned assistant assessor of internal revenue, holding the office four years.

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\* See Personal Sketch.

## IX. MILITARY RECORD.

The following served in the Revolutionary War, and afterwards became residents of Braintree. Possibly it is not a complete list: Elijah French, Matthew Pratt, John Gooch, Joseph Gooch, Joseph Gooch, Jr., Thomas Kenney, Ebenezer White, Jeremiah Snow, Isaac Nichols, Edward Bass, Samuel Bass, David Smith, Enoch Cleveland, Exeter Doleby, Jonathan Flint, Daniel Flint, John H. Brown, John Burrledge, Rev. Elijah Huntington, Simeon Curtis.

Isaac Nichols participated in the battle of Bennington and was at Saratoga when Burgoyne surrendered.

Enoch Cleveland received during battle a musket ball in his arm, which he carried the rest of his life.

Here is as complete a list as we have been able to obtain of those who engaged or volunteered to serve in the war of 1812: Jacob Spear, Martin Lowell, Augustus Flint, William Flint, Nathaniel Flint, Nahum Kenney, James Neff, Nathaniel Neff, Artemas Fitts, Henry Brackett, Jr., Artemas Cushman, Nathaniel French, Ogden Hudson, Lot Hudson, Solomon Holman, Stephen Spear, Rufus Hutchinson, Nathaniel Hutchinson, Joseph Story, Gurdon Randall, Simeon Smith, Ezra Gilbert, Amasa Blanchard, Benjamin Vesey, Caleb Chase, Lyman Kidder, Thatcher Gooch, Elijah Amidon, Elijah Huntington, Jr., G. Washington Nichols, David Nichols, William Nichols (son of Samson), Joshua Pratt, John Battles.

## SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF 1861-5.

Braintree responded faithfully to the call for troops in the late war, and always filled her quota. This is the record:

[D. stands for died; K. for killed; Pro. for promoted.]

Names.	Enlisted.	Discharged.	Remarks.
Abbott, Daniel,	Feb. 16, '64.		
Battles, Charles W.,	Dec. 25, '61,	June 29, '64.	
Battles, George W.,	Dec. 25, '61,		K. May 27, '63, Port Hudson.
Battles, Ira,	Dec. 27, '61,	June 22, '64.	
Bissonnett, Paschal,	Dec. 22, '61,	June 23, '65.	
Bement, James H.,	Dec. 30, '61,	June 28, '65,	Pro. Corporal.
Blay, Charles A.,	July 10, '61,	Jan. 14, '63.	
Blay, John C.,	Aug. 14, '61,	June 9, '62.	
Blanchard, Adolphus,	Mar. 11, '62,		D. April 12, '63.
Blanchard, Azial N.,	Sept. 11, '61,	July 22, '62.	
Blanchard, John F.,	Dec. 12, '61,		Sergt.; D. Oct. 16, '63.
Bruce, Martin L.,	Nov. 27, '61,	June 28, '65,	Pro. 1st Lieutenant.
Buck, William,	Sept. 18, '61,	Oct. 11, '62,	Cavalry.
Burrell, George C.,	June 18, '62,		Died.
Chadwick, Edwin L.,	Sept. 25, '61,		Cavalry; D. May 14, '63.
Chadwick, Jerome J.,	Aug. 27, '61,		K. at Wilderness.
Coles, George W.,	Nov. 25, '61,	June 28, '65.	



Coles, Henry,	Dec. 25, '61,		K. June 14, '63, Port Hudson.
Coles, Seymour N.,	Dec. 30, '61,	July 7, '65,	Pro. Corporal.
Copeland, Charles,	Nov. 28, '63,		D. July 3, '64.
Corbet, George E.,	Feb. 22, '64.		
Cote, Joseph,	Feb. 29, '64,	July 14, '65.	
Ducate, Francis,	Dec. 1, '63.		
Ellis, Daniel R.,	Dec. 10, '63,	July 7, '65.	
Farnsworth, F. W.,	Dec. 7, '61,	June 22, '64.	
Flagg, George W.,	June 9, '62,	July 15, '65,	Pro. 1st Lieut.
Flagg, Watson O.,	June 9, '62,	June 13, '65,	Pro. Corporal.
Ferry, Amasa W.,	May 7, '61,	Jan. 4, '65,	Pro. 1st Lieut.
Flanders, Thomas N.,	Nov. 30, '61,	June 28, '65,	Pro. Sergeant.
Ford, Henry,	Sept. 11, '61,	Mar. 8, '62.	
Geron, Lewis,	Aug. 26, '61.		
Goodspeed, A.,	Feb. 12, '64,	July 14, '65.	
Goodspeed, Wallace,	Feb. 12, '64,	July 14, '65,	1st Lieut.; Res. April 1, '63.
Greene, Job W.,	Jan. 7, '62,		D. April 29, '64.
Harlow, William W.,	Nov. 18, '63,		Des. April 20, '64.
Hogan, Daniel,	Aug. 14, '61.		
Holman, William C.,	Mar. 12, '63,	June 13, '65,	1st Lt.; And'ville Pris. 9 mo.
Howard, Chester J.,	Dec. 25, '61,		D. July 19, '62.
Howard, James R.,	June 2, '62,	May 23, '65.	
Howard, Thomas F.,	Jan. 13, '64,		D. Feb. 14, '65.
Howe, George R.,	Dec. 21, '61,	June 22, '64.	
Jerd, Alexander,	Dec. 8, '63.		
Jerd, Peter,	Dec. 8, '63.		
Johnson, Peter,	Dec. 24, '63.		
Kendall, Theodore B.,	Dec. 2, '61,	June 16, '62.	
Lackey, Amasa,	Dec. 10, '63,	June 28, '65.	
Lackey, Marvin H.,	July 24, '62,		D. Oct. 24, '63.
Ladeau, Francis.			
Lamb, Edwin S.,	Nov. 27, '61,	Sept. 4, '62.	
Laport, Julius D.,	Sept. 15, '61,		Des. Sept. 7, '63.
Loomis, Osman C.,	Aug. 20, '61,		D. Jan. 23, '62.
Luce, Albert S.,	June 2, '62,	Jan. 14, '63,	Shot thro' head, not kill'd.
Luce, Frank S.,	May 18, '61.		
Luce, John A.,	June 29, '61,	Jan. 24, '62.	
Luce, Lyman P.,	Dec. 7, '61,	June 28, '64.	
Luce, William,	May 11, '61,	June 29, '64.	
McGrath, Philip,	July 28, '63.		
Nichols, Truman A.,	Aug. 14, '61.		
Noyes, John B.,	June 2, '62,	June 13, '65.	
Piper, Isaiah,	Feb. 3, '64,		K. May 5, '64, Wilderness.
Raymond, Lewis,	Dec. 24, '63,		D. Sept. 20, '64, And'ville.
Rotary, Victory,	Dec. 2, '61,		D. June 2, '62.
Russ, Stephen T.,	Feb. 9, '64,		Pro. Sergt.; K. Sept. 30, '64.

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Russ, William W. B.,	Nov. 30, '61.	
Russell, Charles,	Dec. 21, '61,	June 22, '64.
Russell, James,	Dec. 2, '61,	Des. May 1, '64.
Sargent, Wallace,	Dec. 4, '61,	June 6, '62.
Simpson, Hial,	April 12, '64,	Mis'ng in action, Aug. 31, '64
Smith, Henry,	Feb. 26, '64,	K. May 5, '64.
Smith, Monroe,	Nov. 16, '63,	July 18, '65.
Spear, Edwin,	Dec. 31, '61,	D. June 2, '62.
Stearns, Warren E.,	June 6, '62,	June 13, '65.
Stevens, Nathaniel G.,	Nov. 16, '63,	D. April 21, '64.
Sumner, Samuel W.,	Jan. 8, '62,	D. Aug. 6, '64.
Thurstin, Wilbur N.,	June 2, '62,	Jan. 14, '63.
Titus, Henry H.,	Feb. 19, '62,	June 28, '65, Pro. Sergt.
Trask, Reuben,	Nov. 16, '63,	D. April 24, '64.
Whitney, Cyrus,	Aug. 14, '61.	[Richmond
Whitney, George P.,	June 2, '62,	Pris. July 1, '62; sup. D. at
Whitney, Henry H.,	Aug. 14, '61,	K. May 5, '64, Wilderness.
Williams, John R.,	June 2, '62,	July 5, '63.
Williams, Theodore J.,	June 2, '62,	Dec. 10, '62, Re-enlisted in Cavalry.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ONE YEAR.—Richard Bradley, Henry Dutton, Jr., Cavalry, John Mitchel, M. J. Montgomery, Charles A. Webb.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NINE MONTHS.—Loren E. Bruce, Edwin S. Chadwick, died May 14, '63, Theo. A. Chadwick, Francis A. Childs, J. P. Cleveland, Jr., 1st Lieut., Res. Feb. 27, '63. Zion C. Copeland, Darius Hatch, George C. Hill, George W. Hunt, William D. Hunt, Norman Nichols, Birney I. Pratt, Edwin N. Rising, Martin Trask, N. A. Washburn.

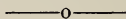
VOLUNTEERS FOR THREE MONTHS.—Sam'l Hutchinson, Julius D. Laport, musician, George A. Nichols.

Drafted and paid commutation: Henry P. Blodgett, Richard R. Percival, Zoraster Brown.

Procured substitutes: Russell Back, Edmund Huntington, Sargent Neff.

PART SECOND.

## EXPLANATORY.



Pains have been taken to make the plan of the Memorial so simple as to offer no difficulty to any one in tracing family connexions.

The different generations are distinguished by putting the head of the family, or first generation, in SMALL CAPITALS; the next, or second, by *italic*; the third by the common type; the fourth by the common type with the numbers before the names in parentheses; the fifth by the common type without numbers.

The family names are arranged in alphabetic order; hence no index is required.

A few large families begin with their first ancestor in this country; all others, with the first of his name who settled in town; or with the oldest, if there were two or more.

As a rule, a person was born and lived in Braintree, unless otherwise stated.

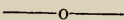
Much labor has been given to the securing of correct dates. Town records and tombstones have been diligently searched for this purpose. Many dates were given from memory and some do not agree with those on record. In such cases the recorded date has been taken as the correct one.

Doubtless there are many errors; but the reader is assured that the Memorial has been made as correct as the means at command could make it.

Abbreviations: b., for born; m., for married; d., for died.



## FAMILY MEMORIAL.



## ABBOTT.

EBENEZER ABBOTT, b. in Hampton, Conn., March 31, 1792; came thence to Brookfield with his parents when 5 or 6 years old; taught school in Braintree in 1814; m. May 9, 1815, Sally Flint; lived in Galen, N. Y., 6 years; removed thence to Brookfield, and about 2 years after to Braintree; d. July 15, 1867; children:

1, *Lydia Louisa*, b. April 1, 1816; m. March 14, 1839, Benj. B. Chase; lives at West Randolph.

2, *Mary*, b. March 19, 1818; m. July 9, 1839, Otis Lamb of Granville; now lives in Randolph.

3, *Caroline*, b. October 11, 1820; m. April 11, 1839, Zacheus Flint; d. March 20, 1879.

4, *Samuel Bass French*, b. January 31, 1825; m. May 17, 1849, Eliza J. Kenney; children: 1, Samuel Eugene, b. January 31, 1851; d. September 1, 1852. 2, Mary Eliza, b. November 7, 1852. 3, Lydia Annette, b. August 24, 1854. 4, Samuel Eugene, b. April 4, 1859; m. December 5, 1881, Ella M. Flint; one child: Mark Harry Leland.

5, *Charles*, b. August 22, 1830; d. August 21, 1832.

6, *Charles Emerson*, b. October 16, 1832; m. (1) Hannah Nichols of Roxbury; m. (2) Jennie Sanborn of Mass.; lives at West Randolph.

7, *Augusta Ann*, b. January 10, 1835; m. April 11, 1854, George F. Smith of Brookfield; residence, Braintree.

## ADAMS.

DAVID ADAMS, b. at Canterbury, Conn., August 25, 1776; m. November 19, 1796, Clarissa H. Pendleton, who d. April 1, 1854, aged 74; went in 1796 to Royalton, where all his children were born—11 in number; moved thence to Braintree in 1844; d. November 12, 1854. Only one of his children has resided in Braintree.

*George W.*, b. November 22, 1811; m. June 7, 1840, Roxana A. Horton of Pomfret, who d. January 29, 1882; moved to Braintree in 1844; children: 1, Charles Morris, b. April 11, 1841; m. November 1864, Mary J. Winch; settled in Roxbury. 2, Sarah Bigelow, b. April 25, 1844; m. March, 1867, O. P. Winch; settled in Northfield. 3, David Barnet, b. April 11, 1847; m. March 14, 1868, Minora A. Mann; lives in Northfield. 4, Azro Lamson, b. February 17, 1850; m. December 25, 1880, Mary A. Densmore of Northfield. 5, Mary Clarissa, b. August 22, 1852; m. September, 1872, Heber J. Farnsworth.

## ALLEN.

ISAAC ALLEN, b. in Braintree, Mass., July 30, 1785; went to Randolph and built the house on the Thomas Hayden place (Joseph C. Bryant's) in 1809; in 1810, built John Hutchinson's house in Braintree, receiving therefor \$217; m. (1) December 5, 1813, Sally Kenney of Barnard, who d. February 9, 1845; m. (2) March 15, 1846, Kelita Hutchinson; moved to Morrisville in March, 1818, and returned to Braintree in April, 1852; d. May 29, 1871; children:

1, *Jesse Kenney*, b. on Quaker Hill April 22, 1815; m. Betsey Griswold of Morristown, and settled there; now in Northfield.

2, *Lois*, b. in 1818; m. Simeon Bridge of Morristown, and lives there.

The following were born in Morristown:

3, *Isaac Lothrop*, lives in New Jersey.

4, *Ephraim Ethan*, lives in Morristown.

5, *Samuel*, now in Missouri.

6, *Naney* of Plattsburgh, N. Y.

## AMIDON.

WILLIAM AMIDON, no married record except of his children:

1, *Lodisa*, b. April 24, 1802.

2, *John Thompson*, b. April 25, 1805.

3, *Prudence*, b. February 8, 1808.

4, *Edmund Sumner*, b. October 19, 1809.

5, *Amelia*, b. April 3, 1812.

ELIJAH AMIDON came from Randolph; m. Rebecca Averill of that town, built the Martin B. Gooch house about 1810 and lived there. Of his large family all removed to other parts except Elhanan, who m. January 9, 1845, Lucretia Smith and settled in Brookfield.

ORIN AMIDON, m. April 23, 1818, Hepsebah Bicknell of Dorchester, Mass.

## ALBAN.

WILLIAM (?) ALBAN, settled quite early on lot 29-1 and lived there some time, giving his name (Alban's hill) to the locality. Of his children:

*John*, m. (1) Hannah Sumner; m. (2) Mary Sumner; m. again and lives in Roxbury.

## BARRY.

ISAAC F. BARRY, b. —, Mass., September 12, 1804; m. February 19, 1832, Emily Copeland, formerly of Bethel, who d. April 26, 1875, aged 66 years, 6 months; now resides with his son at Elmira, N. Y.; children:

1, *Alvin W.*, m. Lizzie —, and resides at Elmira, N. Y.; lawyer.

2, *Sarah*, d. young.

3, *Naney*, m. David Taplin; resides at Worcester, Mass.

4, *Marion Almeda*, b. October 17, 1841; m. September 9, 1862, John Finn; d. April 16, 1875; children: 1, Inez Marion, b. March 6, 1866; d. September 12, 1883. 2, Nellie Margaret, b. April 15, 1868. 3, John Eugene, b. November 14, 1869. 4, Emma Hortense, b. October 13, 1872. 5, Marion Aseneth, b. December 20, 1874.

- 5, *Nellie*, m. — Johnson; lived at Worcester, Mass., and d. there.
- 6, *Ruth Ann*, d. May 1, 1862, aged 15.
- 7, *Hortense*, m. James Rand; residence, Weymouth, Mass.
- 8, *Albro Eugene*, d. in Pennsylvania.
- 9, *Alba Joseph*, married and lives in Pennsylvania.

## BAILEY.

JACOB BAILEY, b. in Bridgewater, Mass., September 28, 1775; m. April 4, 1805, Tryphena Mann; came to Braintree in —; d. in Brookfield October 6, 1848; children:

- 1, *Jacob*, Jr., b. December 22, 1805; m. (1) January 4, 1830, Bathsheba Bass; settled at Middlebury, Mass.
- 2, *Tryphena*, b. August 16, 1807; m. April 9, 1829, Squire Claflin of Brookfield, and resided there.
- 3, *Deborah*, b. March 8, 1809; m. July 14, 1826, Calvin Randall; resides at River Falls, Wis.
- 4, *Seth M.*, b. June 3, 1811; m. October 4, 1838.
- 5, *Truman C.*, b. July 21, 1823; m. October 27, 1847.

## BASS.

SAMUEL BASS, emigrated from England and settled in Roxbury, Mass., about 1630, being one of the first settlers of Massachusetts colony. About 1640 he moved to Braintree (now Quincy), Mass., was there chosen the first deacon of the church, which office he held for 50 years, and in 1641, and subsequently, he represented the town twelve years in the state legislature. Dea. Bass had a "strong and vigorous mind, and was one of the leading men of the town for many years." He died January 10, 1695, aged 94; his wife Anne d. September 16, 1693, aged 93.

JOHN, son of Samuel, b. about 1632; m. December 14, 1657, Ruth, daughter of John Alden of Duxbury, Mass., who came over in the Mayflower; d. September 23, 1716. From his two oldest sons, John and Samuel, sprang the different families of Bass that have lived in Braintree.

JOHN, Jr., b. October 10, 1658; m. Abigail Adams; d. October 11, 1724.

SAMUEL, son of John, Jr., b. June 28, 1691; m. August 26, 1723, Sarah Savil.

SAMUEL, Jr., son of Samuel, b. January 9, 1725; m. November 10, 1746, Anna Rawson.

SAMUEL 3d, son of Samuel, Jr., b. September 2, 1747; m. September 29, 1772, Elizabeth Brackett, who d. January 15, 1828, aged 78; settled in Braintree in May, 1785; d. February 23, 1840; children:

1, *William*, b. in Braintree, Mass., August 8, 1773; m. Mrs. Abigail (Cables) Neff; d. October 28, 1860; children: 1, Abigail, b. July 28, 1818; m. May 2, 1843, Roswell G. Curtis; lives at West Randolph. 2, Lucinda, m. December 2, 1841, Robert Lyon. 3, William, Jr., b. January 16, 1824; m. June 29, 1854, Hannah H. Mann; since March 11, 1880, has lived in West Randolph.

2, *Moses*, b. in Braintree, Mass., February 28, 1775; m. Mehitabel Herrick

of Randolph, who d. March 7, 1872, aged 86; Moses d. January, 1852; children: 1, Moses Herrick, b. June 6, 1806; m. May 1, 1839, Louisa Williams of Taunton, Mass., who was b. February 19, 1812; lived in Randolph mostly; he d. July 10, 1872; children: (1), Delia Louisa, b. February 16, 1840; m. January 3, 1865, Luther N. Tilsøn; survives him in Randolph. (2), Ellen Frances, b. December 2, 1841. (3), Bradford Gilmore, b. July 3, 1844. (4), Clemie R., b. October 1, 1847; m. November 30, 1869, Birney I. Pratt; lives at West Randolph. (5), Frank Williams, b. December 17, 1848; d. December 9, 1877. (6), Philura, b. April 5, 1850; m. December 31, 1874, Russell G. Page; lives in Burlington. (7), Edward Little, b. October 21, 1855; m. (1) June 23, 1876, Fannie A. Granger of Randolph, who d. October 20, 1880; m. (2) January 19, 1882, Mary E. Chamberlain of Bethel, who d. July 2, 1882. 2, Mehitabel, b. February 19, 1808; m. February 23, 1826, Dean C. Cady of Roxbury; settled in Brookfield; d. February 7, 1850. 3, Joel, b. January 19, 1809; d. August 13, 1810. 4, George, b. February 19, 1811; d. August 6, 1813. 5, George, b. ———; d. November ———. 6, Philura, b. March 31, 1816; d. April 8, 1851. 7, Eleazer, b. January 8, 1819; m. February 8, 1843, Martha Morse of Randolph; children: (1), Clarence Morse, b. December 9, 1846; m. March 24, 1868, Philenda L. Loomis; children: Willie Emerson, b. October 5, 1869. Edgar Clarence, b. November 3, 1871; d. October 17, 1875. Daniel Loomis, b. November 10, 1873. Charlie Eleazer, b. December 14, 1879. ——— ———, b. December 20, 1882. (2), Flora Laura, b. September 22, 1859; d. June 26, 1862. (3), Martha Frances, b. June 22, 1863; d. December 25, 1863. (4), Herbert Joel, b. November 10, 1865. 8, Joel, b. August 8, 1821; d. October 20, 1839. 9, Laura, b. August, 1824; d. January 26, 1849. 10, Stephen Warren, b. November 15, 1826; d. November, 1867.

3, *Samuel, Jr.*, b. in Braintree, Mass., June 2, 1777; m. April 29, 1802, Polly Belcher, who was b. April 29, 1785, and d. January 2, 1864; he d. November 24, 1850; children: 1, Samuel Belcher, b. January 2, 1804; d. January 18, 1805. 2, Samuel 3d, b. December 15, 1805; m. (1) Margaret Parker; m. (2) Abigail Fuller; d. October 17, 1862; children: (1), Samuel, 4th, m. December 6, 1855, Susannah S. Heath of Randolph; lives at West Randolph. (2), Joseph Parker, m. Mary March. (3), James Harris, m. ——— Claflin of Brookfield; lives in Randolph. (4), Wales Tucker, b. August 8, 1849; m. May 21, 1873, Lora Frances Flint; now in Jamestown, Dak. 3, Jonathan Belcher, b. December 26, 1807; m. March 17, 1831, Emily Kidder; lived in Braintree a few years, then moved to Alden, N. Y.; d. June 4, 1860. His son, Lyman Kidder, has twice represented the Buffalo, N. Y., district in Congress. 4, Mary Belcher, b. January 27, 1810; m. January, 1833, Robert Lyon; d. May 10, 1840. 5, Elizabeth, b. May 26, 1812; m. December 1, 1836, Samuel Fitts; went to Wisconsin about 1852; d. October 5, 1854. 6, James, b. in Brookfield, April 12, 1814; m. (1) at Platteville, Wis., April 16, 1840, Rachelina S. Wood, b. November 20, 1811, and d. at Beloit, Wis., February 19, 1866; m. (2) April 13, 1870, Rebecca Whitcomb Mason of Fond du Lac, Wis., where he resides. 7, Harriet, b. August 27, 1816; d. August 8, 1819. 8, Josiah, b. in Brookfield, December 15, 1818; m. January 8, 1841, Mary A. Whitcomb; since October, 1842, has resided at Jericho. 9, Harriet N., b. in Brookfield, June 8, 1821; m. January 5, 1841, Edward S.



Whitcomb of Jericho and lives there. 10, John Quincy Adams, b. February 15, 1824; m. May 9, 1847, Roana Flint; since June 1, 1863, has lived at West Randolph; children: (1), Alice Roana, b. September 30, 1848; m. October 28, 1873, Willis W. Morton of West Randolph, and lives there. (2), Fred Quincy, b. November 27, 1851; m. December 13, 1876, Jennie M. Thomson; lived at West Randolph; d. April 26, 1882. (3), Jeanette Flint, b. November 16, 1856; m. September 23, 1879, Jenniss D. Wheeler of West Randolph, and lives there. 11, Savi, b. November 8, 1826; d. August 8, 1828.

4, *Peter*, b. in Braintree, Mass., June 25, 1779; m. about 1809, Anna Hardy; settled in Batavia, N. Y.; lived in Braintree the last years of his life; d. May 21, 1868; children: 1, William B., b. 1810; m. 1834, Ruth Child; went west; now dead. 2, Lucinda, b. 1812; m. Leonard Cheney; settled in Stockbridge, Mass. 3, Newell Graham, b. 1814; m. December 3, 1835, Elizabeth Henry; settled in Bethel, and d. there in 1836. 4, Stillman, b. 1816; m. 1834, — Stoddard; settled in Wisconsin, and d. there 1878. 5, Chester A., b. 1818; m. 1850, Emeline N. Hobart of Randolph; now lives at Orford, N. H. 6, Charles H., b. 1820; m. March 16, 1848, Ann Pearsons of Randolph; settled and now lives in Wisconsin.

5, *Elizabeth*, b. in Hadley, Mass., May 20, 1781; m. January 12, 1802, Samuel Harwood, Jr.; d. December 12, 1871.

6, *Seth*, b. in Hadley, Mass., March 5, 1783; m. March 22, 1810, Mary Whiting of Hingham, Mass., who d. May 24, 1859; he d. May 22, 1863; children: 1, Seth Billings, b. December 27, 1810; m. (1) April 20, 1836, Sarah Gleason of Dorchester, Mass., and settled there; m. (2) Lucy A. Thayer of Quincy, Mass., where he now lives. 2, Sarah, b. June 25, 1812; d. June 3, 1815. 3, Henry, b. May 11, 1814; m. March 25, 1847, Mary B. Cady; children: (1), Henry Royce, b. September 1, 1848; m. October 4, 1883, at San Diego, Cal., Carrie L. Simmons, formerly of Royalton. (2), Mary Francelia, b. November 28, 1849; m. May 14, 1871, Warren E. White; d. January 31, 1872. (3), Selvy Andrew, b. May 12, 1852; m. June 13, 1883, Clara S. Fowler of Livonia, N. Y.; physician at Elkader, Iowa. (4), Julia Anna, b. May 24, 1854; m. August 15, 1877, Fred H. Packard. (5), Hattie Louisa, b. January 10, 1858. 4, Sarah, b. March 24, 1816; m. March 19, 1843, Ira Harwood. 5, Harriet Alzina, b. March 6, 1818; m. October 6, 1836, Z. Bicknell Flint; d. at River Falls, Wis., January 8, 1871. 6, Andrew, b. September 21, 1819; m. Abby M. Davenport of Dorchester, Mass.; d. August 30, 1849; one child: (1), Andrewetta, b. September 2, 1849; lives at Dorchester, Mass. 7, Louisa Maria, b. September 19, 1821; d. September 28, 1822. 8, Heman Allen, b. April 28, 1823; m. October 31, 1849, Rosina M. Randall; went to River Falls, Wis., about 1856; now in Chicago, Ill. 9, Cornelius, b. March 7, 1825, lived 17 days. 10, Mary Billings, b. January 24, 1827; m. (1) July 16, 1846, Lewis N. Flint; m. (2) November 28, 1861, Charles L. Drury of Hanover, N. H. 11, Cornelius, b. December 8, 1833; d. October 7, 1835.

7, *Hiram*, b. May 31, 1785; m. (1) February 5, 1810, Rebecca Herrick of Randolph, who d. June 20, 1831; m. (2) April 5, 1832, Nancy Battles; he d. September 24, 1868; children: 1, Mary Ann, b. March 7, 1811; m. Alvah Stetson; lives in Granville. 2, Zipporah, b. September 16, 1813; m. John Gould of Montpelier, and lives there. 3, Hiram Milton, b. April 9, 1816; m. and lives in

Aurora, N. Y. 4, Marendra Rebecca, b. March 21, 1819; m. Nathan Dodge, and resides in Calais. 5, Nancy, b. August 5, 1821; m. March 24, 1847, Stephen Gould of Montpelier, where she resides. 6, John G., b. September 12, 1823; m. and lives in Minnesota. 7, Eunice H., b. June 12, 1826; m. George Hill of Warren. 8, Emily J., b. February 26, 1829; m. Charles Gould of Montpelier; lived and died there. 9, Clarinda, b. June 20, 1831; d. March 29, 1857. 10, Eliza Melissa, b. January 26, 1833; d. May 10, 1879. 11, Roana, b. August 9, 1834; m. June 22, 1881, Irving Nelson, and resides at Sutton, N. H. 12, Lucinda Chena, b. July 13, 1838; m. August 7, 1879, H. Nelson Scott. 13, Jonathan Cornelius, b. June 22, 1840; m. August 13, 1862, Sarah Louisa Bagley of Warren; children: (1), Emma Lucinda, b. June 15, 1863. (2), Charles Walter, b. October 20, 1866; d. October 18, 1867. (3), Arthur Cornelius, b. February 23, 1881.

8, *Sarah*, b. March 7, 1787; m. March 9, 1809, Micah Mann; d. September, 1872.

9, *Mary*, b. March 6, and d. May 26, 1789.

10, *Anna*, b. June 6, 1790; m. November 21, 1811, Joseph Flint; d. September 16, 1881.

EDWARD BASS, brother of Samuel, 3d, b. 1749; m. November 9 1771, Bathsheba Keith of Bridgewater, Mass., who d. July 25, 1840, aged 89; settled in town 1786-7; d. October 29, 1819; children:

1, *Isaac*, b. November 5, 1772; m. in 1800, Polly Wales, who d. February 13 1868, aged 85; he d. February 3, 1831; children: 1, Mary, b. January 3, 1801; m. February 1, 1821, Samuel Partridge; d. July 19, 1855. 2, Alpheus, b. December 10, 1802; m. December 12, 1822, Sally Copeland; lived in Braintree a few years, then moved to Moretown, where he d. May 18, 1867. 3, Ziba, b. January 6, 1805; m. February 24, 1828, Patience Cady; d. November 27, 1871; children: (1), Sarah, b. January 17, 1829; m. May 11, 1853, E. P. Coleman of Boston, Mass.; d. November 13, 1868. (2), Olivia, b. June 2, 1833; d. November 14, 1834. (3), Olivia A., b. February 17, 1836; m. November 12, 1854, Aaron N. Morse of Randolph; resides at Fond du Lac, Wis. (4), Seviah Polly, b. February 19, 1842; m. March 5 1870, John T. Bass of Iowa; d. December 13, 1870. 4, Bathsheba, b. July 16, 1808; m. January 4, 1830, Jacob Bailey of Middlebury, Mass.; dead. 5, Abigail, b. April 2, 1810; m. (1) March 20, 1832, Nathan D. Parish; m. (2) March 17, 1844, Robert Lyon; d. February 13, 1861. 6, Isaac, Jr., b. January 23, 1813; d. unmarried, October 29, 1873. 7, Jacob Wales, b. January 2, 1815; m. September 1, 1842, Martha D. Branson of Prairie du Chien, Wis.; resides at St. Paul, Minn. 8, Edward, b. October 2, 1819; d. August 25, 1823. 9, Martin, b. April 2, 1821; d. August 23, 1823.

2, *Ziba*, b. May 28, 1774; studied medicine; d. at Randolph, Mass., September 23, 1804.

SAMUEL BASS, son of John, b. February 5, 1660; m. Mrs. Mary (Adams) Webb.

SAMUEL, JR., son of Samuel, b. August 6, 1700; m. December 15, 1723 Hannah White; d. April 3, 1768.

JONATHAN, son of Samuel, Jr., b. November 25, 1733, m. December 24, 1756, Susanna Belcher; a colonel in the Revolutionary War; d. May 12, 1790.

SAMUEL, son of Jonathan, b. May 15, 1757; m. October 30, 1783, Sarah Lawrence of Lincoln, Mass.

JONATHAN, son of Samuel, b. October 29, 1784; settled in Braintree in 1805; m. July 5, 1812, Harriet A. Baylies of Randolph, who d. December 29, 1856; he d. February 11, 1866; children:

1, *Harriet Albina Baylies*, b. May 26, 1813; m. March 17, 1831, Lyman Kidder, Jr.; lived 25 years at Darien, N. Y., now resides at Star Prairie, Wis.

2, *William Baylies*, b. January 10, 1816; d. unmarried, August 29, 1865.

3, *Sarah*, b. December 2, 1818; m. September 12, 1848, Milton E. Potter, M. D.; till 1865 resided at Cowlesville, N. Y., since then at Attica, N. Y.; d. October 18, 1882.

4, *Jonathan, Jr.*, b. August 23, 1823; lives at Star Prairie, Wis.

, *Hannah Arlotta*, b. November 16, 1829; lives at Attica, N. Y.

6, *Henry Lawrence*, b. February 14, 1834; m. April 17, 1867, Lottie E. Bradford of Randolph; now in Boston, Mass.; one child: William Henry, b. April 1, 1868.

NOTE.—John and Ruth (Alden) Bass had seven children whose posterity in part it may be interesting to trace: 1, John, Jr., is the ancestor of Samuel and Edward Bass; 2, Samuel, of Jonathan Bass; 3, Ruth; 4, Joseph, of the Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., who d. September 10, 1803; 5, Hannah, of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, two Presidents of the U. S.; 6, Mary, of Zion and Willard Copeland; 7, Sarah, of Dr. Samuel Thayer and Samuel Belcher.

#### BATCHELLOR.

SAMUEL R. BATCHELLOR, b. in Roxbury, April 12, 1818; m. January 24, 1854, Lucinda M. Parsons of Warren, b. August 3, 1829; moved to Braintree May 9, 1854; children:

1, *Ida M.*, b. September 30, 1854.

2, *Ella*, b. September 5, 1856; d. February 28, 1857.

3, *Lillian E.*, b. December 15, 1857.

4, *Frank C.*, b. February 18, 1861.

5, *Minnie F.*, b. January 3, 1865.

6, *Bertha M.*, b. March 29, 1869.

#### BATTLES.

CURTIS BATTLES, b. 1769; came from Stoughton, Mass., where all his children were born. His wife was Susan Bates, b. in 1763, and d. January 15, 1851. He came to Vermont, bringing his family with him, and settled in Braintree about 1812, and bought of Samuel Bass, father of Jonathan Bass, the farm subsequently owned by Henry Bass, now by Allen H. Flint. Samuel Bass built the house and barn, and while they were being built he occupied the Block House. He d. April 5, 1847; children:

1, *Lucy*, m. (1) Nathan Henry; (2) Reuben Rano; dead.

2, *Charlotte*, m. November 10, 1819, Arunah Spear; dead.

3, *John*, m. February 10, 1825, Eunice Neff; d. April 7, 1863; children: 1 Susan, b. September 19, 1825; m. John Rano of Granville, and lived there; d. September 19, 1874. 2, *John, Jr.*, b. June 15, 1829; m. June 22, 1862, Jane Chatbourn of Granville; d. December 25, 1865. 3, *Patience*, b. September 15, 1831; m. May 26, 1860, John Brown. 4, *Mary*, b. January 31, d. March 5, 1833. 5, *Mary H.*, b. December 27, 1836; m. May 2, 1855, Caleb N. Stockwell of South Royalston, Mass., and resides there. 6, *Lucinda B.*, b. May 1, 1839; m. December 25, 1858, Melvin Watson of Granville; d. there October 22, 1872. 7, *Lanora Jane*, b. June 15, 1842; m. Edmund Chatbourn of Granville; lives there. 8, *William L.*, b. October 12, 1849; m. and lives at Lowell, Mass.

4, *James Bates*, b. July 20, 1799; m. (1) December 1, 1831, Hannah Spear; (2) July 21, 1849, Esther Thayer; d. April 14, 1883; children: 1, *Mary Maria*, b. January 9, 1833; m. April 22, 1849, William Sumner; d. about 1855. 2, *William James*, b. June 23, 1837; d. May 3, 1839. 3, *Rosina Rhoda*, b. March 9, 1840; m. Rensselaer Hurd of Maine; lives in Lowell, Mass. 4, *Charles James*, b. Nov. 23, 1842; m. about 1866, Mrs. Jane (Chatbourn) Battles; lives in Lowell, Mass.

5, *Nancy*, m. April 5, 1832, Hiram Bass; d. April 28, 1882.

6, *Beriah*, b. January 2, 1803; m. September 12, 1821, Betsey Hunt; d. June 17, 1879; children: 1, *Jason*, b. March 11, 1822; m. June 26, 1849, Emily M. Cushman; children: (1), *Joseph Densmore*, b. October 6, 1851; m. April 29, 1880, Celia Mabel Marsh. (2), *Dana Judson*, b. March 7, 1855. (3), *Flora Emma*, b. March 29, 1860; m. September 7, 1882, John L. Priest. (4), *Ida May*, b. June 2, 1866. 2, *Ira*, b. January 21, 1824; m. January 2, 1842, Sally Burrigide; children: (1), *George William*, b. February 11, 1842; killed May 27, 1863, at siege of Port Hudson, La. (2), *Emariah*, b. April 11, 1852; m. February 13, 1877, Mary Veo of Northfield; children: *George William*, b. November 17, 1878. *Lena May*, b. March 7, 1881. 3, *Almon*, m. (1) December 5, 1850, Rachel Lamanda Riford; (2) January 11, 1880, Marion F. Hall of Brookfield, and resides there. In March, 1872, moved to Benton Harbor, Mich.; children: (1), *Betsey Ella*, b. December 29, 1851; m. (1) at Benton Harbor, October 9, 1872, Charles R. Hutchinson, formerly of Braintree; (2) *E. M. Welton* of Chicago, Ill., and resides at Maquoketa, Iowa; three children. (2), *Gilman A.*, b. February 6, 1856; resides in Braintree. (3), *Eda L.*, b. March 1, 1862; m. January 1, 1878, Charles L. Tilson of Randolph, and resides there; one child. (4), *Manda*, b. January 4, 1873; lives with her sister, *Ella*. 4, *Elvira M.*, m. March 28, 1853, Milo Spear; survives him at Nashua, Iowa. 5, *Emery*, b. March 21, 1831; killed by cars, March 11, 1851. 6, *Mason*, b. June 27, 1833; m. February 11, 1856, Roxy Ann Battles; children: (1), *Emery Curtis*, b. January 23, 1861. (2), *Leaphy Betsey*, b. August 20, 1870. 7, *Betsey E.*, m. January 1, 1852, Samuel Riford, Jr.; survives him. 8, *Charlotte M.*, b. September, 1839; m. August 18, 1859, Thomas Flanders of Rochester; d. June 26, 1871. 9, *Joseph*, b. June, 1841; d. October 1, 1848.

7, *Mary*, b. January 1, 1806; m. December 19, 1822, William H. Brown; d. March 9, 1881.

8, *Curtis, Jr.*, m. March 28, 1832, Relief Hunt; went West about 1843; now dead; children: 1, *Azro*, went West, married, and lives there. 2, *Allen*, b. June, 1837; m. *Mary Jane Sumner* and settled West; now in Minn. 3, *Roxy*



Ann, b. January 29, 1839; m. February 11, 1856, Mason Battles. 4, Dora Ann, b. June, 1841; went to Iowa; m. and d. there.

## BELCHER.

SAMUEL BELCHER, b. in Randolph, Mass., October 10, 1786; m. (1) January 12, 1812, Amanda Bill of Chaplain, Conn., who d. April 13, 1822; m. (2) July 29, 1824, Mary B. Hutchinson of Roxbury; children by 2d marriage all born in Roxbury; settled in Braintree quite early at the foot of "Belcher" hill; d. August 8, 1830; children:

1, *Samuel White*, b. August 15, 1815.

2, *Linus*, b. April 16, 1817; m. 1843, Eleanor Alden of Maine; settled in Randolph, Mass; d. July 17, 1882.

3, *Amanda Nichols*, b. January 6, 1820; m. September 23, 1845, Solomon Hubbard of Thetford, and settled at Post Mills, Thetford; now in Sterling, Ill.

4, *Jonathan Wales*, b. in Roxbury April 30, 1821; m. February 16, 1848, Sarah Harwood; children: 1, Sarah Amanda, b. November 7, 1850; m. December 7, 1875, Edward P. Stimson, M. D., of Norwich; lives in Tiverton, R. I. 2. Wales Fremont, b. August 11, 1855; d. August 15, 1861.

5, *Sewell Orlando*, b. July 26, 1825; lives in Braintree.

6, *Son*, b. September 17, and d. September 18, 1827.

7, *Samuel Edwin*, b. June 10, 1830; d. August 3, 1853.

ELISHA BELCHER, lived in Braintree 20 years or more; m. Betsey Sawyer; moved from town September, 11, 1820; children:

1, *Betsey*, b. June 1, 1797.

2, *Elisha, Jr.*, b. December 28, 1798.

3, *Nancy*, b. July 24, 1801; d. February 11, 1803.

4, *Joseph*, b. February 11, 1803; d. April 21, 1806.

5, *Philander*, b. September 8, 1806; d. July 29, 1814.

6, *Susanna*, b. September 27, 1808.

7, *Maria*, b. September 13, 1811; d. November 1, 1813.

## BENTON.

STEPHEN BENTON, b. in Hanover, N. H., July, 1784, and d. September, 1853; m. Hannah Bean, b. in Salisbury, N. H., April, 1783, and d. April, 1853; came to Braintree quite early; was deacon in the Baptist church many years; children:

1, *Lavinia W.*, b. September 20, 1819; m. May 12, 1840, Dr. Benj. F. Rickard; d. at Woodstock, October 2, 1880.

2, *Harvey*, m. January 5, 1830, Maria Bragg; one of his children, Julia E., m. John McIntyre.

ELIZABETH BENTON, m. March 13, 1838, Nason Ball of Granville.

SELAH BENTON, brother of Stephen, also resided in Braintree, but we have no farther record of either.

## BIGELOW.

LEWIS BIGELOW, b. in Winchendon, Mass., May 18, 1802; m. twice at Swanzey, N. H.; lived at Fitchburg, Mass., and Springfield, Vt.; moved to

Braintree in 1837; 2d wife Judith Antoinette Taft of Swanzy; he is now in Passaic, N. J.; children:

- 1, *Mary Jane*, b. at Fitchburg, Mass., May 1, 1831; m. J. W. Van Winkle of Passaic, N. J., and resides there.
- 2, *Frances Ann*, b. Winchendon, Mass., March 25, 1833; m. October, 1851, A. J. McCoy of Nashua, N. H.; resides at Kansas City, Mo.
- 3, *Charles Lewis*, b. in Springfield, July 27, 1836; m. August 24, 1867, Mary E. Cleverly; now in California; children: 1, *Nellie M.*, b. in Braintree, June 14, 1868. 2, *Orlo*, b. July 14, 1870.
- 4, *Sarah Sophia*, b. September 8, 1841; m. June 4, 1859, Nathan Washburn; now in Cadillac, Mich.
- 5, *John Walter Wales*, b. June 4, 1846; m. March 16, 1872, Henrietta Wells of Montpelier.
- 6, *Minnie Alice*, b. Dec. 22, 1858; now in Havana, Cuba.

#### BILL.

ROSWELL BILL, son of Roswell, of Chaplain, Conn., b. December 29, 1753; m. Rebecca (b. August 11, 1758, and d. January 18, 1834), daughter of William Burgess, who m. Eunice, sister of Gen. Rufus Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Roswell d. aged 67. Five of his children have lived in Braintree:

- 1, *Eunice*, b. in Hampton, Conn., January 17, 1779; m. October 15, 1807, Rev. Ammi Nichols; d. May 16, 1861.
- 2, *Elisha*, lived for a time on Oak hill; removed to Connecticut about 1810; children: 1, *Almira*, b. December 22, 1801. 2, *Elisha, Jr.*, b. February 14, 1805. 3, *Leicester*, b. October 7, 1807. 4, *Betsey*, b. December 11, 1809.
- 3, *Rufus*, m. Betsey Fisk of Connecticut; lived on "Berry" lot.
- 4, *Esther*, m. (1) — Clark; m. (2) Samuel Freeman; lived and died in Brookfield.
- 5, *Amanda*, m. January 12, 1812, Samuel Belcher; resided at Sterling, Ill.; d. April 13, 1822.

#### BLANCHARD.

BARNARD BLANCHARD, b. at Worcester, Mass., July 12, 1774; m. Phebe Young of Worcester; d. November 28, 1857. Of his children only one settled in Braintree:

AMASA, b. July 12, 1792; m. June 15, 1815, Sally Holman, who was b. August 25, 1795, and d. February 25, 1875; settled in Braintree soon after marriage; children:

- 1, *Barnard*, b. April 23, 1816; m. (1) January 22, 1843, Harriet S. Fuller of Brookfield, who d. March 13, 1861, aged 44 years 6 months; (2) September 22, 1861, Mrs. Jane (Hyzer) Burrill of Warren; children: 1, *Mary Ames*, b. January 26, 1844; d. September 29, 1864. 2, *Stillman Ransom*, b. June 22, 1847; went West, August, 1871; m. 1877, Juliana Bower of N. Y.; now in Watertown, Dakota. 3, *Paulina*, b. Feb. 4, 1849; m. Henry J. Hyzer of Randolph, and lived in Brookfield. 4, *Hosea Merrill*, b. March 24, 1852; m. (1) May 7, 1874, Edith C. Stowe of Williamstown; (2) January 14, 1878, Caroline Wilber of

Brookfield; (3) December 13, 1882, Mrs. Nellie (French) Farnsworth. 5, Jackson, b. August 3, 1855; d. February 17, 1856.

2, *Sally*, b. September 9, 1817; m. May 14, 1843, Allen M. Fuller of Brookfield; lives in Warren.

3, *Amasa, Jr.*, b. February 23, 1820; d. March 21, 1821.

4, *Phebe Young*, b. March 5, 1822; d. April 11, 1823.

5, *Elijah*, b. September 8, 1824; m. Mary Rice of Brookfield; lives in Iowa.

6, *Amasa Alvan*, b. April 15, 1826; d. August 23, 1827.

7, *James Brackett*, b. July 17, 1828; d. May 2, 1829.

8, *Andrew Jackson*, b. August 25, 1830; d. November 14, 1835.

9, *Luther Waters*, b. April 1, 1833; m. (1) September 7, 1856 Martha H. Hibbard of Brookfield; (2) June 17, 1874, Lydia A. Bennett; lives in Brookfield.

10, *Nancy Atilda*, b. May 9, 1835; m. E. B. Hutchinson of Brookfield; went to Wisconsin, where she survives him.

11, *Rosette A.*, b. July 24, 1838; m. March 17, 1859, Allen H. Flint.

WILLIAM BLANCHARD, son of William, who was brother to Barnard, b. Brookfield, July 12, 1823; m. December 4, 1844, Lucinda K. McIntyre of Randolph, who was b. January 21, 1825; moved to Braintree in 1845; children:

1, *Timothy Algenon*, b. February 21, 1848; m. June 6, 1869, Ada Thresher of Northfield; lives in Brookfield.

2, *Estella Mary*, b. April 12, 1853; d. May 29, 1858.

3, *Jasper Parish*, b. August 20, 1860; m. March 22, 1879, May L. Stowe, and lives in Northfield.

4, *William Thayer*, b. September 8, 1864.

#### BOLTON.

SYLVENUS BOLTON, b. in Freetown, Mass., November 27, 1784, and d. March 11, 1861; m. Mrs. Persis (Fisk) Flagg, b. in South Brimfield, Mass., March 6, 1778, and d. January 17, 1857; he came to Braintree in 1814, brought his family in 1816; children:

1, *Rodolphus*, and 2, *Sylvanus, Jr.*, d. quite young.

3, *George Washington*, b. in S. Brimfield, March 9, 1810; d. at Newburgh, O., February 16, 1841.

4 and 5, two children, d. young.

6, *Eunice*, b. September 30, 1816; m. (1) January 3, 1837, Joel Pratt, Jr.; m. (2) — Woodard; m. (3) Milo K. Day; now a widow at East Middlebury.

7, *Sylvenus R.*, b. April 1, 1819; m. (1) Sarah J. Williamson; m. 2d time and resides at East Middlebury.

8, *James F.*, b. June 3, 1821; m. April 2, 1846, Mary C. Boyce of Northfield; resides at Washington, D. C.

ENOS BOLTON, brother to Sylvenus, m. May 8, 1828, Polly Howard; d. October 23, 1883, aged 81 years and 8 months. His son, Alvin, d. December 16, 1877, aged 44 years and 8 months.

#### BRADLEY.

HOPE BRADLEY, son of Hope, who d. in Braintree aged nearly 100 years; m. Deborah Littlefield; came to town quite early, probably from Mass.;

settled near where Albert Fitts lives; nearly all the family finally removed to Ohio; children:

- 1, *Betsey*, m. Isaac (?) Treat.
- 2, *Thomas*, m. Abigail Dike; d. in Ohio.
- 3, *Joel*, m. January 14, 1813, Rebecca Pratt.
- 4, *Mary*, m. in Ohio.
- 5, *Sally*, m. December 5, 1816, Eli Hudson.
- 6, *Jonathan*, m. March 5, 1818, Hannah Brooks; d. in Ohio.
- 7, *Lois*, m. December 26, 1816, Jonathan Lamson; d. in Ohio.
- 8, *Hannah*, m. June 5, 1825, Nehemiah Heath; went to Ohio about 1834.

#### BRACKETT.

HENRY BRACKETT, b. Braintree, now Quincy, Mass., January 17, 1766; m. March 19, 1789, Eliphal Burgess of Windham (Hampton), Conn., who d. May 12, 1844, aged 77, and was cousin to Gen. Israel Putnam; settled in Braintree in 1785; d. December 13, 1843; children:

- 1, *James*, b. November 9, 1790; d. August 24, 1813.
- 2, *Henry, Jr.*, b. March 22, 1793; m. December 1, 1814, Clara Ford; children:
  - 1, James Harrison, b. October 6, 1815; m. December 5, 1839, Mary V. Thayer; lived in Boston, Mass.; d. June 14, 1863; one child: Levi Curtis, b. June 13, 1841; lives in New York City.
  - 2, Frederick Blodgett, b. May 13, 1818; m. September 26, 1847, Betsey Philbrick of Ware, N. H.; since 1854 has resided at River Falls, Wis.
  - 3, William Henry, b. June 11, 1821; d. January 23, 1825.
  - 4, Philo Ford, b. July 20, 1823; m. (1) August 31, 1854, Amanda A. Gowing of Chester, who d. September 16, 1855; removed to River Falls, Wis., in 1854; m. (2) Lovisa ———, cousin to his first wife, and resides at River Falls.
  - 5, William Henry, b. January 1, 1826; m. September 2, 1852, Jane H. Skimmings of Boston, Mass., and resided there; d. January 22, 1878.
  - 6, Menander Nichols, b. February 24, 1828; d. August 18, 1861.
  - 7, Son, twin to Menander, d. day of birth.
  - 8, Eliphal Minora, b. May 13, 1830; m. February 15, 1852, Charles B. Childs of Derby, and resided there a while; now at Cincinnati, O.
  - 9, Clara Lovina, b. January 18, 1833; d. March 2, 1835.
  - 10, Eleazer Parnly, b. July 22, 1835; d. April 12, 1841.
  - 11, Harriet Lovina, b. June 23, 1837; m. August 25, 1861, Jedediah H. Williams.
- 3, *Eliphal*, b. April 2, 1795; m. Stephen Mann, and lived in Randolph, Mass.; d. November 1, 1829.
- 4, *Abigail*, b. March 24, 1797; m. July 2, 1818, Rufus Hutchinson; d. February 27, 1872.
- 5, *Charles*, b. May 9, 1799; m. (1) January 15, 1826, Almira Parish of Brookfield, who d. April 14, 1843, aged 40; m. (2) September 23, 1844; settled in Braintree about 1809-10; moved thence to Randolph, where he was engaged in mercantile affairs for many years, then went to Troy, N. Y.; d. in Illinois.
- 6, *Rebecca*, b. July 10, 1801; m. November 4, 1832, Cephas Carpenter of Moretown, and settled in Illinois; whether living or not is not known.
- 7, *Elizabeth*, b. January 26, 1804; m. Stephen Mann; lived at Ferrisburgh; now at Windsor.
- 8, *Minora*, b. September 16, 1803; m. October 1, 1827, Isaac Tower of Randolph, Mass., and resided there; d. July 24, 1865.



9, *Ebenezer*, b. January 19, 1810; m. June 12, 1839, Orilla Spaulding of Roxbury, where he lived; d. June 6, 1852.

10, *Samuel*, b. June 25, 1812; d. unmarried, July 3, 1840.

### BROWN.

JOHN H. BROWN, b. in England, whence he came to America, a deserter from the English army, during the Revolutionary War; m. Catherine Gardner of Orford, N. H., who d. in Bethel, November 27, 1851; moved to Braintree soon after marriage, lived here 3 years, went subsequently to Randolph, then to Bethel, where he d. January 11, 1838. Served 3 years in the war of 1812. Of his children, only two lived in Braintree:

1, *William Henry*, b. July 7, 1804; in 1815 moved to Braintree from Randolph, Mass.; m. December 19, 1822, Mary Battles; children: 1, Fanny, b. December 27, 1823; m. April, 15, 1845, Henry Robinson of Randolph, and lives there. 2, Lucy, b. September 13, 1826; d. July 5, 1851. 3, Anna, b. July 30, 1828; m. August 22, 1847, Marshall A. Drake; since 1877 lived in Randolph. 4, John, b. June 23, 1831; m. May 26, 1860, Patience Battles; one child: Duane Valentine, b. May 10, 1863; d. January 8, 1883. 5, Zoraster, b. November 26, 1833; m. July 4, 1855, Julia L. Ford; one child: Emerson Wesley, b. June 26, 1860. 6, Chester, b. July 26, 1835; m. July 3, —, Betsey M. Dutton; one child: Lilian, b. January 5, 1867. 7, Rebecca, b. July 22, 1838; m. October 29, 1854, Joshua B. Ford. 8, Laura Janniett, b. December 7, 1840; m. (1) November 26, 1861, George Ordway; one child: Ardin, b. December 7, 1862; m. (2) July 4, 1881, Lyman Flint; resides in Randolph.

2, *Betsey*, b. in Randolph, June 21, 1806; m. March 1, 1829, Henry Dutton.

### BRUCE.

REV. JOSEPH BRUCE, b. in Springfield, December 12, 1821; an itinerant minister, began to preach when about 18 years old; m. June, 1844, Melissa Maxham of Middlesex; moved to Braintree in 1858; d. December 16, 1869; children:

1, *Martin Luther*, b. in Fayston, March 17, 1845; graduated from Burlington (Vt.) Medical College, 1872; m. January 1, 1874, Nancy J. Tilson; lives at Brattleboro.

2, *Mary Louisa*, b. February 22, 1847; m. May 10, 1868, Edwin N. Rising; lives at West Randolph.

3, *George Whitefield*, b. April 14, 1849; m. November 24, 1873, Nellie Woodward of Brattleboro, now at Springfield, Mass.

4, *Charles Wesley*, b. November 24, 1855.

5, *Sarah Emeline*, b. September, 1859; d. May 10, 1871.

Three children of SAMUEL BRUCE reside in town:

1, *Twing Bruce*, b. in Brookfield, May 23, 1845; m. November 29, 1863, Susan Farnsworth of Morristown; children: 1, Frank Parker, b. in Brookfield, October 15, 1864. 2, Fred Lincoln, b. in Randolph, November 14, 1866. 3, Celia Jane, b. January 12, 1871. 4, Harry Samuel, b. in Tunbridge, July 24, 1877.

2, *Jennie N.*, b. in Brookfield, September 10, 1854; m. April 2, 1871, Joseph Seymour.

3, *Ella*, b. in Brookfield, February 2, 1856; m. April 2, 1871, Lyman P. Luce.

WILLIAM HENRY BRUCE, b. in Middlesex, February 1, 1827; m. July 9, 1848, Esther W. Cleverly; moved into Braintree, April 11, 1839; children:

1, *Casrael Henry*, b. July 3, 1853; m. October 2, 1880, Orinda H. Flint; one child: Mark Henry, b. September 23, 1881.

*Lucia Ann*, b. May 20, 1859.

#### BURKE.

JOHN BURKE and his wife came from Ireland. His son,

*John, Jr.*, b. probably in Ireland; m. November 10, 1808, Hannah Burridge; children: 1, Martin, b. August 9, 1809. 2, Sarah, b. January 27, 1822.

POLLY BURKE, m. November 23, 1793, Asa Mix.

#### BURRIDGE.

JACOB BURRIDGE, b. August 18, 1794; m. September 2, 1819, Sally Spear; d. August 5, 1873; children:

1, *Olive*, b. May 5, 1820; m. January 4, 1843, Frederick P. Mahannah.

2, *Sally*, b. May 1, 1822; m. January 2, 1843, Ira Battles.

3, *Jacob, Jr.*, b. September 24, 1824.

4, *Charles*, b. October 19, 1827; m. November 30, 1854, Susan S. Neff children: 1, Charles T., b. September 3, 1856; m. June 30, 1878, Jennett C. Wheeler of Warren; one child: Wallace Sargent, b. June 25, 1879. 2, Levi A., b. August 19, 1858; d. June 15, 1859. 3, Willis Arthur, b. April 26, 1860; m. May 2, 1883, Minnie Wells. 4, Ernest George, b. February 22, 1868. 5, Mary Grace, b. January 16, 1870. 6, Russell, b. February 6, 1872. 7, Ruth Anna, b. July 20, 1878. 8, Perry R., b. February 1, 1881.

5, *Betsey*, b. June 9, 1829; m. November 10, 1850, Daniel Simpson; d. April 28, 1856.

6, *John*, b. June 19, 1831; m. January 1, 1859, Lydia J. Brown; d. September 8, 1868.

7, *Joseph R.*, b. May 23, 1833; m. (1) November 20, 1856, Magarette Montgomery; m. (2) January 31, 1862, Olivia H. Heath.

8, *Lucy Ann*, b. July 18, 1835; m. November 27, 1864, Charles A. Schoolcraft.

9, *Samuel*, b. March 23, 1837; d. August 9, 1869.

10, *Fosty Ann*, b. June 27, 1842; m. November 16, 1867, William A. Stiles of Moretown; d. July 29, 1868.

HANNAH BURRIDGE, m. November 10, 1808, John Burke.

BETSEY BURRIDGE, m. December 5, 1811, Joël Nutting of Roxbury; d. August 21, 1870, aged 78.

POLLY BURRIDGE, m. April 22, 1830, Joseph Riford, Jr.

SALLY BURRIDGE, m. October 26, 1809, Zenas Thayer; d. August 20, 1870, aged 78 years, 4 months.

#### CADY.

NOAH CADY came from Hancock in 1820, of which town he was first constable; d. May, 1848; children:

1, *Noah Bacon*, b. in Hancock, November 1, 1792; m. September 22, 1822, Julia Brown of Randolph; settled in town in 1820; carriage maker; subse-

quently moved to Randolph; d. April 30, 1861. Of 10 children only one has lived in Braintree: Mary Brown, b. March 30, 1826; m. March 25, 1847, Henry Bass.

2, *Elisha R.*, b. in Hancock, 180~; came to Braintree in 1820; m. December 6, 1832, Deborah L. Parmenter of Berlin; removed to South Trenton, N. J., where he d. February 11, 1865; one child: Sidney H., resides at So. Trenton.

3, *Patience*, m. February 24, 1828, Ziba Bass; d. at Fond du Lac, Wis., December 1, 1882, aged nearly 80.

4, *Abalena*, b. in Hancock, January, 1813; d. in Cambridge, Mass.

5, *Celenda*, b. in Pittsfield, 1807; m. Melvin Densmore; settled in Braintree in 1833; afterwards went to Ohio; one child: Noah Cady, b. September 23, 1837.

6, *Benjamin Franklin*, b. in Hancock, 1815; came to Braintree in 1833; m. 1842, Betsey M. Sherburne of Barnard; blacksmith; removed to South Trenton, N. J.; d. at Atlantic, Iowa; one child: DeWitt C., resides with his mother at Utica, N. Y.

#### CAMPBELL.

PHINEAS CAMPBELL, b. in Washington, May 3, 1826; lived in Braintree since about 1852; m. March 27, 1863, Addie M. Thurston; children:

1, *Eugenie Ellsworth*, b. May 28, 1865.

2, *Perley Johnson*, b. May 26, 1868.

#### CARPENTER.

JOSIAH EASTMAN CARPENTER, b. in Norwich, April 1, 1831; m. January 1, 1855, Priscilla Belknap Sargent; children:

1, *Albert J.*, b. February 13, 1856; lives in Randolph.

2, *Abram S.*, b. August 16, 1857; lives in Lisbon, Conn.

3, *Minnie H.*, b. October 29, 1860; lives in Randolph.

4, *Flora Mabel*, b. May 1, 1866; lives in Randolph.

#### CASAVAW.

ALFRED LEWIS CASAVAW, b. in Canada, September 11, 1839; m. December 5, 1860, Hattie Matut of Leicester; came to Braintree n March, 1881.

#### CHASE.

CALEB CHASE, son of Seth Chase, who built and run the first saw mill and grist mill in Randolph, b. March 11. 1779; m. November 28 1805, Lucy Byam of Fitzwilliam, N. H., who d. November 28, 1866, aged 83 years, 6 months and 3 days; he d. September 2, 1862; children:

1, *Lucy*, b. August 19, 1806; m. January 12, 1826, Abel Byam of Fitzwilliam, N. H.; lived in Bethel; d. January 1, 1882.

2, *Olive*, b. August 11, 1808; m. (1) Joel Richardson of Roxbury; m. (2) Reuben Wakefield of Randolph and lived there; d. March, 1883.

3, *Esther Byam*, b. December 7, 1810; m. (1) December 2, 1830, Edmund Kenney; m. (2) Samuel Mann of Randolph, and lived there; d. November 23, 1859.

4, *Betsey E.*, b. January 7, 1812; m. February 28, 1839, William L. Harwood; d. October 17, 1872.

5, *James Madison*, b. February 7, 1815; d. July 7, 1842.

6, *Benjamin Byam*, b. June 26, 1816; m. March 14, 1839, *Lydia L. Abbott*; since January, 1856, has lived at West Randolph; children: 1, *George Benjamin*, b. December 8, 1840; m. May 14, 1864, *Jennie R. McCrillis* of Marshfield, who d. July 27, 1882, aged 41; lived at West Randolph; he d. August 12, 1882. 2, *Samuel Irving*, b. January 3, 1843; m. February 25, 1873, *Mattie H. Daggett* of Neponset, Mass.; lives at West Randolph. 3, *Charles Lawrence*, b. July 16, 1852; d. February 13, 1874.

7, *Harriet Maria*, b. April 10, and d. November 22, 1824.

TIMOTHY CHASE, brother of Caleb, lived somewhere on the branch; subsequently removed to Granville; children:

1, *Polly*, m. *Josiah Chase* of Fayston, and lived there.

2, *Nancy*, m. *Luther Cory* of Bethel, now dead.

3, *Lydia*, m. — Grandy; now dead.

4, *Dolly*, m. *Jonathan Chase* of Fayston; lived and died there.

### CHADWICK.

PHILANDER CHADWICK was born in Randolph; m. October 9, 1836, *Lucy Washburn* of Northfield; settled at Snowsville in 1848; lived there 3 years; now at West Randolph; harness maker; children:

1, *Caroline*, m. *Wm. J. Gabrielle*; lived at West Randolph; now dead.

2, *Susie*, m. September 18, 1883, *Wm. J. Gabrielle*.

3, *A son*.

SILAS CHADWICK settled in Braintree November 26, 1837, on which day he m. *Mary Washburn*; harness maker; appointed postmaster at Snowsville April 6, 1850; after his death, May 31, 1859, his widow held the office till 1863; Mrs. Chadwick now lives in Bethel; children:

1, *Edwin S.*, b. October 24, 1838; d. in U. S. service at Alexandria, Va., May 14, 1863.

2, *Mary E.*, b. June 13, 1840; m. March 15, 1857, *Charles Spear*; residence, Randolph.

3, *Sedora A.*, b. March 30, 1842; d. May 9, 1874.

4, *Theodore A.*, b. July 24, 1844.

5, *Eugene H.*, b. September 3, 1846; m. March 4, 1869, *Sarah E. Farnsworth*; residence, Brookfield.

6, *Sherman W.*, b. October 16, 1851.

7, *Carrie C.*, b. August 25, 1855; d. February 28, 1859.

LEANDER CHADWICK came to Peth in 1838; there worked at carriage making 5 years, after which for 6 years was a merchant at Snowsville; then went to Canada, but two years after removed to West Randolph and lived there till his death, 1864; m. October 18, 1840, *Juliette Smith*; children:

1, *Jerome J.*, killed at the battle of the Wilderness.

2, *Alice*, resides at West Randolph.



## CLEVELAND.

JOHN CLEVELAND, b. June 6, 1793; m. 1820, Dorothy Lamb of Randolph, who d. January 25, 1861, aged 71; moved from Royalton to Braintree about 1824; d. September 30, 1862; children:

1, *Milo*, b. October 15, 1820; m. Betsey Luce; lives in Bennington.

2, *Ira Henry*, b. June 6, 1823; m. May 26, 1851, Julia Chase, who was b. in Randolph, December 22, 1831; children: 1, Henry, b. April 25, 1852; m. March 28, 1876, Viola M. Pratt; one child, Perley Lester, b. August 1, 1876. 2, Edwin Freeman, b. October 5, 1853; m. February 15, 1877, Sarah Brown of Stowe, and lives there. 3, George Alburton, b. May 27, 1857. 4, Cora Arendia, b. May 21, 1862. 5, Ida May, b. February 16, 1865; d. June 30, 1866. 6, Herbert Adelbert, b. February 16, 1868. 7, Alice May, b. August 16, 1870. 8, Homer J., b. April 25, 1874. 9, William Floy, b. February 6, 1878.

3, *Susanna*, b. in Randolph; m. August 2, 1857, James R. Howard.

JAMES PAINE CLEVELAND, b. in Bethel, March 20, 1803; m. Anna P. Huntington of Randolph; has lived in Braintree about 12 years: children:

1, *James Paine, Jr.*, b. September 21, 1828; m. August 3, 1850, Martha A. Flint; since July, 1880, has lived at West Randolph; children: 1, Frank Huntington, b. January 3, 1851; m. November 3, 1875, Lucy A. Kendall of Bolton, Mass.; children: (1), Stephen Paine, b. January 12, 1878. (2) Hubert Woodbury, b. December 2, 1878. (3), Ethel Tufts, b. October 10, 1880. 2, Jennie Ann, b. November 3, 1852; m. September 25, 1872, Rev. William I. Chalmers of New York City; lives at Riverhead, L. I. 3, Harry Lewis, b. May 15, 1860; in Dakota.

2, *Elizabeth Ann*, b. March 21, 1831; teaches at San Francisco, Cal.

## CLEVERLY.

ROYAL CLEVERLY, b. in Braintree, Mass., February 17, 1785; m. January 21, 1807, Rhoda Randall Parker, who was b. in Rochester, Mass., January 29, 1786, and d. November 3, 1857; settled in Braintree in September, 1829; d. July 19, 1863; children:

1, *Rebecca Whiting*, b. in Springfield, October 31, 1807; m. May 15, 1831, Asa Pratt Cleverly of Weymouth, Mass., and settled there; she survives him and lives in Boston, Mass.

2, *Huldah Hayden*, b. in North Weymouth, Mass., September 6, 1809; m. December 1, 1831, Seymour F. Kenney; resides in Darien Center, N. Y.

3, *Rhoda Randall*, b. in Weymouth, Mass., June 3, 1811; d. in Braintree, unmarried, August 4, 1866.

4, *Royal, Jr.*, b. in Hartford, March 27, 1813; m. (1) 1840, Ruth B. Thayer of Hingham, Mass., and settled in Braintree; m. (2) September 25, 1860, Rebecca G. Baxter of Boston, Mass., and resides there.

5, *Israel Whiting*, b. in Royalton, November 2, 1816; m. in 1841, Harriet C. Bryant, who was b. in Hartland in 1825, and d. April 30, 1871; d. November 26, 1874; children: 1, Asa Pratt, b. August 25, 1848; m. (1) November 26, 1875, Nellie E. Parker, who was b. November 17, 1857, and d. July 27, 1880; m. (2) June 8, 1882, Abby A. Sumner; resides at West Randolph. 2, Mary Elizabeth,

b. August 24, 1850; m. (1) August 24, 1867, Charles L. Bigelow; m. (2) January 9, 1878, Thomas Perry of Lowell, Mass., and resides at Milton, Mass.

6, *Fanny Randall*, b. in Randolph, February 23, 1819; m. October 1, 1841, Horatio Nelson Smith of Orford, N. H., and lives there.

7, *William Parker*, b. in Randolph, December 25, 1821; d. in Roxbury December 4, 1847.

8, *Charles Allen Hayden*, b. in Randolph, January 17, 1828; lives unmarried at Spencer Brook, Minn.

9, *Esther Whiting*, b. June 25, 1830; m. July 9, 1848, William H. Bruce.

#### COBB.

HORACE COBB, b. in Randolph, 1800. In 1831 came to Braintree, and 7 or 8 years after went into the hotel at West Randolph. In a short time removed thence to Clarendon Springs and lived there till his death. He married Martha Harlow of Barnard; children:

1, *Calvin*, d. in Boston, unmarried.

2, *Martha*, m. Dexter Watkins; now a widow in Chicago.

3, *Lucy*, m. (1) — Cram of Weathersfield; m. (2) Amos M. Kimball; resides at West Randolph.

4, *Allen*; 5, *Charles*; 6, *William*; 7, *Harvey*; 8, *George*, resides at Clarendon Springs. 9, *Henry*.

#### COBURN.

SOLOMON COBURN, m. Rachel May; drowned at Snowsville June 10, 1816; children:

1 and 2, *Silas* and *Isaac*, d. October 11, 1807.

3, *Rhoda*, b. June 22, 1805; d. October 16, 1807.

4, *John M.*, b. January 11, 1807; m. February 18, 1834, Marinda Kenney; moved to Chelsea and died there.

5, *Orin*, m. Harriet Parkhurst; settled out of town.

6, *Ziba*, m. and lived in Albany, Vt.; later went to Illinois.

7, *Esther*, b. March 22, 1813; m. Zenas Walbridge of Williamstown; lived and died there.

8, *Solomon, Jr.*, m. Lucinda Perkins of Chelsea; d. at Winooski.

NATHAN COBURN came from Windsor; bought lot 4-2 October 1, 1803; m. Phebe —; who d. June 5, 1839, aged 86; he d. May 9, 1832, aged 80; children:

1, *Phebe*, m. Oliver Thayer; d. at Morristown.

2, *Polly*, d. unmarried at Morristown.

SILAS COBURN, b. November 14, 1742, and d. December 8, 1831; m. Esther Keyes, b. June 3, 1744, and d. December 20, 1825; came from N. H.; lived some time on the Nath'l Hutchinson place.

JOHN COBURN, brother to Solomon, also lived in Braintree.

#### COPELAND.

ZION COPELAND, b. September 29, 1769; m. July 6, 1729, Polly Harwood; d. August 7, 1854; children:

1, *Samuel Clapp*, b. December 31, 1793; m. May 8, 1814, Persis Whiting, formerly of Hingham, Mass., b. December 4, 1793, and d. March 8, 1873; settled

in Randolph, but moved to Braintree after a few years; d. May 21, 1835; children: 1, Harriet M., b. March 16, 1815; m. March 29 1838, Anson Long; settled about a mile below the "Kidder place;" now lives in Colton, N. Y. 2, Orin B., b. January 31, 1817; m. December 28, 1842, Harriet Thayer; children: (1), George W., b. September 11, 1844; m. June 7, 1865, Betsey Hutchinson of Brookfield; settled in Roxbury, and d. there April 22, 1866. (2), Francis E., b. February 2, 1852; m. September 9, 1877, Martha M. Wells; lives with his father on the Harback farm. 3, Catherine Lavina, b. August 30, 1820; m. December 27, 1842, Lawton C. Root, b. December 27, 1814; lived in Parishville, N. Y.; d. September 24, 1865. 4, Son, b. August 6, and d. August 15, 1823. 5, Mahala F., b. September 1, 1828; m. November 11, 1849, Benjamin F. Root of Strafford; now living in Stockbridge. 6, John F., b. January 1, and d. December 22, 1834.

2, *Orin*, b. December 30, 1795; m. May 8, 1817, Polly Vesey; settled in Randolph, and moved thence to Ohio where he d. September 9, 1839.

3, *Polly*, b. January 22, 1798; d. September 17, 1815.

4, *John*, b. February 12, 1800; m. March 1, 1827, Catharine Clark of N. Y.; d. at Lima, N. Y., October 7, 1880.

5, *David*, b. December 14, 1801; m. June 2, 1834, Joanna Hubbard; d. at Normalville, Ill., February 17, 1879.

6, *Lydia*, b. October 5, 1803; m. June 27, 1819, Benjamin Ford of N. Y.; lived at Galen, N. Y., and d. there December 5, 1826.

7, *Sally*, b. September 26, 1805; m. December 17, 1827 Alpheus Bass; d. at Ireland, Iowa, June 14, 1870.

8, *Adaline*, b. March 28, 1809; m. January 29, 1823, William Vesey; d. in Indiana, March 26, 1839.

9, *Edmund*, b. July 3, 1811; m. September 2, 1830 Mary A. Gladding; d. at Barre, April 5, 1881.

10, *Andrew J.*, b. March 24, 1815; m. (1) March 28, 1837, Lucinda Winchester, who d. in Bethel, September 6, 1847; m. (2) July 2, 1848, Mrs. Nancy J. Barnes; lives at Chelsea.

11, *Addison*, b. May 22, 1817; m. December 8, 1839, Angelina Clark; for some years has lived in Roxbury; d. October 15, 1883.

12, *Mary*, b. December 20, 1819; m. January 15, 1850, Dea. Zebina Berry of Worcester, Mass., where she lived; d. March 27, 1853.

WILLARD COPELAND, b. probably in Brooklyn, Conn., October 27, 1769; m. (1) Alice Lyon, who d. 1804; m. (2) December 12, 1805, Rebecca White; he d. February 20, 1852; children:

1, *James*, b. in Mansfield, Conn., June 25, 1799; lives in Braintree, unmarried.

2, *Clarissa Alice*, b. in Brooklyn, Conn., February 6, 1802; lives in Braintree, unmarried.

3, *Abel Wyllys*, b. in Braintree November 13 1809; d. unmarried March 17, 1867.

## CRAIG.

DR. SAMUEL CRAIG, b. in Rumney, N. H., August 15, 1777; settled in Braintree in 1805; m. October 10, 1820, Matilda Parish of Brookfield, who was b. July 26, 1797, and d. October 19, 1851; he d. April 13, 1861; children:

1, *Cornelia Minora*, b. April 22, 1822; m. May 9, 1847, S. Minot Flint; lived in River Falls, Wis.

2, *Huldah Jane*, b. April 1, 1824; m. September 4, 1851, John G. A. Spear, now in St. Paul, Minn.

3, *Betsey M.*, b. March 15, 1826; m. June 6, 1850, O. H. Hood of Burlington, and lives there.

4, *Samuel George P.*, b. July 10, 1829; m. November 15, 1859, Sarah A. Hunter of Darien, N. Y.; d. at Opelousas, La., May 4, 1863.

5, *Mary Juliet*, b. December 9, 1834; m. December 31, 1857, Calvin O. Randall, lived in River Falls, Wis.; dead.

## GRAM.

— CRAM, m. Amelia Kemp, who was b. in Groton, Mass., and d. July 26, 1873, aged 98; lived at Society Land, N. H., and Peru, Vt. After his death she m. (2) Benjamin Killam, and removed to Braintree; children (so far as known):

1, *Nathan*, lived in Mass.

2, *Lucy Adams*, b. in Society Land April 4, 1802; m. Joseph Spear; d. November 27, 1873.

3, *Jesse Kemp*, b. in Peru, Vt., September 15, 1804; m. (1) April 4, 1830, Polly Stedman; m. (2) Eliza Jane Proctor of N. H.; d. in Nebraska, September 24, 1878; children: 1 Rosina Mary, b. November 24, 1835; m. December 19, 1852, George Hutchinson. 2, by 2d m., Charles Abner Howes, d. about 2½ years old. 3, Emma Frances, b. about 1852. 4, Jesse Gale, d. of consumption in the army, aged 20 years. 5, David, d. when 2½ years old. 6, Eda Amelia, b. in the West about 1864.

## CURTIS.

SIMEON CURTIS, b. in Randolph, Mass., February 29, 1760; m. (1) about 1779, Prudence French; moved to Braintree about 1795-6; m. (2) Mrs. Thirza (Poola) Lyon; killed by the fall of a tree, November 24, 1831; children:

1, *Polly*, b. in Randolph, Mass., March 15, 1780; m. (1) Caleb Nichols; m. (2) James Steele of Roxbury; d. February 2, 1862.

2, *Relief*, b. in Randolph, Mass., May 15, 1782; m. James Kinney; d. September, 1831.

3, *Charlotte*, b. in Randolph, Mass., May 3, 1784; m. Edward Grow of Tunbridge; lived in Westford, and d. there, aged about 87.

4, *Simeon, Jr.*, b. Stoughton, Mass., September 27, 1787; m. Sally Allen; lived and d. in Northfield.

5, *Ashley*, b. in Stoughton, November 20, 1794; m. March 27, 1817, Eunice Moulton, who was b. in Hampton, Conn., October 29, 1798, and d. June 15, 1878; he d. September 22, 1831; children: 1, Roswell Grow, b. February 17,



1818; m. May 2, 1843, Abigail Bass; since about 1870 has resided at West Randolph. 2, Nelson, b. November 3, 1819; m. Caroline Snow of Montpelier, and resides there. 3, Eunice Marena, b. about 1826; m. February 22, 1848, Eaton Butterfield; d. March 22, 1881; one child. 4, William, b. about 1828; m. in Boston, and resides in Cambridge, Mass.

6, *John*, b. in Braintree, May 27, 1797; m. November 12, 1818, Bathsheba White; children: 1, Son, b. and d. same day, February, 1820. 2, Mary Elizabeth, b. January 25, 1823; d. September 30, 1834. 3, Son, b. and d. June 8, 1829.

7, *Jonathan*, b. August 27, 1799; m. (1) December 5, 1821, Ruth Pratt; one child that d. in infancy; m. (2) Hannah McIntyre; d. September 1, 1865.

8, *Sally*, b. October 9, 1801; m. (1) Nathaniel McIntyre; m. (2) Reuben McIntyre; d. September 1, 1865.

9, *Prudence French*, by 2d m; b. February 6, 1816; m. December 3, 1834, Lemuel Parker of Granville, and lives there.

## CUSHMAN.

ARTEMAS CUSHMAN, b. in Middleboro, Mass., April 7, 1781; m. July 10, 1803, Phebe Spear; carpenter and house joiner; d. April 29, 1864; children:

1, *Holmes*, b. May 13, 1804; m. January 16, 1825, Polly Baker of Rochester, b. August 23, 1799, resided in Boston, Mass; mechanic.

2, *Artemas, Jr.*, b. September 15, 1806; married; residence, Rochester.

3, *William*, b. April 21, 1809; m. (1) January 2, 1838, Emily Ford; m. (2) April 23, 1855, Electa Flint; now resides at West Randolph; children: 1, William Holmes, b. October 19, 1838; d. February 8, 1855. 2, Orra B., b. July 23, 1844. 3, George E., b. May 19, 1847. 4, Azro B., m. April 27, 1871, Mary Jane Riford; resides at West Randolph. 5, Elliott, m. June 26, 1872, Harriet Thayer of West Randolph, and resides there. 6, Emma.

4, *Content*, b. October 19, 1811; m. January 26, 1830, Caleb N. Grow.

5, *Phebe*, b. January 18, 1815; m. January 2, 1843, Levi Thayer.

6, *Philenda*, b. in Rochester, January 20, 1819; m. May 30, 1848, James B. Holman.

7, *Emily M.*, b. February 10, 1822; m. June 27, 1849, Jason Battles.

8, *Minora E.*, b. April 10, 1825; m. McKenister Eddy of Randolph, whom she survives there.

9, *Earl S.*, b. March 5, 1828; m. November 29, 1855, Mary E. Lamb; farmer; children: 1, Judson Earl, b. April 27, 1860; m. and resides at Richmond. 2, Mary Edna, b. January 23, 1870.

## DRAKE.

MARSHALL A. DRAKE, m. August 22, 1847, Anna Brown; since 187 has lived at West Randolph; children:

1, *Mahalan Marshall*, b. June 10, 1848; m. September 18, 1867, Mary Seymour; lives at West Randolph; two children: Perley and Lolo.

2, *Burgwin Abijah*, m. (1) August 2, 1871, Jennie F. Spear; m. (2) in 1876, Emma Butterfield; lives at West Randolph; one child: Lyman Ellsworth, b. December 12, 1872.

## DuBOIS.

DR. JOSEPH DuBOIS, b. in Providence, R. I., August 1, 1775; m. Polly Spear, who was born in Braintree, Mass., August 5, 1781, and d. at Stoughton, Mass., October 10, 1853; settled in Braintree about 1797-8; d. at West Randolph, June 14, 1840. He studied and completed his medical education at Providence, R. I. At the age of 21 he began, and continued until his death, active practice of his profession. Children, all but one, born in Braintree:

1, *Earl Cushman*, b. Oct. 6, 1799; m. May 1, 1822, Annie Lamson, and settled in West Randolph; d. November 17, 1854.

2, *Alexander Edson*, b. March 22, 1801; m. Ellen Tucker of Stoughton, Mass.; settled in Randolph, Mass.; d. Oct. 19, 1861.

3, *Sarah E.*, b. Feb. 18, 1803; m. June 17, 1828, Ebenezer H. Flint; settled in Braintree; d. at West Randolph, June 12, 1866.

4, *Polly*, b. Dec. 24, 1805; d. November 2, 1810.

5, *Harriet Matilda*, b. in Broome, Canada, May 15, 1807; m. October 11, 1830, Samuel Bagley, 3d, of Warren, and settled in Northfield; d. at East Stoughton, Mass., September 25, 1853.

6, *Phebe*, b. October 6, 1809; m. October 11, 1830, Moses Fish of Falmouth, Mass.; d. at Randolph, December 1, 1843.

7, *Lydia C.*, b. June 3, 1812; m. (1) May 19, 1835, Elisha H. French of Randolph, Mass., who d. November 6, 1835; m. (2) May 21, 1838, Lewis Whitecomb of East Randolph, Mass., who d. February 27, 1873; now resides in Holbrook, Mass.

8, *Marshal*, b. February 18, 1815; d. February 28, 1816.

9, *Marcia E.*, b. May 5, 1817; m. June 17, 1839, Wales Tucker, and settled in Stoughton, Mass.; d. at Randolph, Mass., January 6, 1871.

10, *George Bradford*, b. November 30, 1819; m. June 17, 1845, Mary Lothrop, and settled in Randolph, Mass.; d. March 10, 1847.

11, *Maria Turner*, b. July 10, 1823; d. May 8, 1824.

## DUCHENEY.

FRANCIS DUCHENEY, b. in Canada, February 14, 1822; m. January 18, 1848, Sarah Brooks of Bethel; moved to Braintree in 1865; shoemaker; one child: Clara Louisa, b. in Barnard March 12, 1849; m. June 18, 1874, Joseph M. Tilson.

## DUNBAR.

ZEBEDEE DUNBAR (colored), came from Randolph, Mass., quite early and bought one-half of lot 108-1 on Riford's brook, November 30, 1793, the other half April 28, 1795; children:

1, *Mary*, b. June 5, 1798.

2, *Sibyl*, b. September 5, 1799.

REBECCA DUNBAR, m. July 31, 1836, Samuel D. Tarbet.

## DUNHAM.

SALA G. DUNHAM, b. in Sandisfield, Mass., April 4, 1818; m. Ann Robb of Connecticut. Of 7 children, 4 have lived in Braintree:

1, *William Curtis*, m. Cleora Jones of Granville; one child: Lewis Gordon.

2, *Martha Ann*, m. Eleazer Lackey; lives in West Fairlee.

3, *Albert Madison*, b. in Falls Village, Conn., August 11, 1849; m. December 25, 1880, Mrs. Florett (Fish) Cole.

4, *Virgil Sala*, b. in Riverton, Conn., March 18, 1853; m. August 31, 1874, Martha Rebecca Renslow, formerly of Hinesburgh; children: 1, Clinton La Forest, b. in Bristol, July 14, 1875. 2, Fordyce Burton, b. in Roxbury, December 18, 1876. 3, Truman Virgil, b. August 30, 1878; d. August 18, 1880. 4, Son, b. April 28, and d. April 30, 1880. 5, Newton Clarence, b. February 1, 1882.

PETER DOLBE, (colored) m. April 14, 1791, Elizabeth Nichols.

SUSANNAH DOLBE, m. February, 1808, Edward Freeman.

#### DUTTON.

HENRY DUTTON, b. in Granville, N. Y., January 29, 1803; m. March 1, 1829, Betsey Brown; moved to Randolph, November 26, 1836; to Braintree, April 3, 1855; children:

1, *Catharine*, b. October 9, 1830; m. November 21, 1855, Dennison Hudson; lives in Warren.

2, *Sarah Jane*, b. February 5, 1832; d. April 29, 1846.

3, *Betsey Maria*, b. February 21, 1834; m. Chester Brown.

4, *Edgar Harris*, b. June 29, 1835; m. March 27, 1856, Abigail Marsh; children: 1, Fred Minot, b. April 16, 1859; m. January 4, 1882, Ella A. Erskine of Roxbury; lives at West Randolph. 2, Carroll Ray, b. November 5, 1867.

5, *Albert Charles*, b. September 4, 1837; m. March 1, 1859, Carrie Corey of Bethel, and lived there and at Gaysville; d. August 1, 1870.

6, *Anna E.*, b. October 15, 1841; d. June 12, 1863.

7, *Henry, Jr.*, b. July 15, 1844; m. August 21, 1864, Arethusa Waterman of Roxbury, who was b. August 6, 1846; children: 1, George Lester, b. September 7, 1866. 2, Evan Custer, b. May 31, 1868. 3, Luna Delia, b. March 17, 1870; d. June 5, 1874. 4, Anna Mabel, b. April 1, 1872; d. June 13, 1874. 5, Johnnie DeWitt, b. April 13, 1874. 6, Nellie Grace, b. August 25, 1878. 7, Lilla May, b. June 5, 1880.

#### DYER.

ICHABOD DYER came from Massachusetts; settled in the east part of the town; children:

1, *Ichabod, Jr.*, m. (1) August 3, 1791, Phebe Nichols; m. (2) Sally Brown, who d. January, 1843, aged 68; d. December, 1857, age 92; children: 1, Phebe, b. March 10, 1792. 2, Thomas Nichols, b. February 17, 1793. 3, Ruth, b. November 5, 1794; m. March 18, 1818, Jesse Rowell of Hancock. 4, Samuel, b. August 23, 1795. 5, Elpha W., b. March 31, 1799. 6, Polly Copeland, b. December 25, 1800. 7, Peter, b. December 19, 1801. 8, Adaline, b. March 4, 1806. 9, Benj. Wilkins, b. September 6, 1808; m. January 5, 1836, Clarissa M. Spear; d. at Saratoga, N. Y. 10, Emily, b. August 7, 1814.

2, *Ephraim Dyer*, m. December 23, 1806, Nancy Rowell; children: Ephraim, jr., Jonathan, Orin, Aurelia.

3, *Jonathan*, bought lot 17-2, September 19, 1790; children: 1, Samuel Boutwell, b. December 29, 1795. 2, Enoch Boutwell, b. March 1, 1798.

4, *Samuel*, whose children were: 1, Tarrant King, b. Dec. 19, 1799. 2, Ira, b. January 14, 1802. 3, Russell, b. April 30, 1803.

5, *Elisha*, who had one child: Ruth, b. Nov. 25, 1806.

#### EDDY.

CALEB EDDY, b. in Starksboro, July 2, 1831; m. March 6, 1856, Martha A. Clifford of Starksboro, who was b. February 7, 1835; moved to Braintree, February, 1882. Children now living with him:

1, *Maud Tensie*, b. March 25, 1865.

2, *Dorsey Dazelle*, b. September 25, 1867.

#### FARNSWORTH.

WILLIAM FARNSWORTH, b. Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 16, 1809; moved into Braintree in 1820; has lived here nearly all the time since; m. (1) December, 1836, Rachel Loomis of Roxbury, who d. March 8, 1849; m. (2) May 26, 1850, Phebe Loomis of Brookfield; children:

1, *William Francis*, b. March 17, 1838; m. February 25, 1868, Nellie French, formerly of Westford, sister of Jason A. French; d. January 16, 1871; one child: Anna Frances, b. September 17, 1871.

2, *Anna Augusta*, b. June 19, 1841; m. Harrison B. Loomis of Brookfield, and lives in Marshall, Lyon Co., Minn.

3, *Sarah Emeline*, b. June 12, 1846; m. March 4, 1869, Eugene H. Chadwick, and lives in Brookfield.

4, *Heber Julius*, b. December 3, 1852; m. Sept. 17, 1872, Mary C. Adams; one child: Clara Roxana, b. June 3, 1875.

5, *Elsie Minora*, b. Jan. 25, 1855; m. April 16, 1878, Guy A. Clough of Roxbury, and lives at West Randolph.

6, *Herbert Clayton*, b. August 31, 1859.

7, *Grace Phebe*, b. October 30, 1861.

8, *Abby Jane*, b. September 12, 1863; d. Oct. 10, 1864.

9, *Mabel*, b. May 31, 1866.

#### FERRY.

OMAR FERRY, b. Sheffield, Mass., February 5, 1779; settled at Whitehall, N. Y.; m. October 29, 1812, Lovina Martin of Hampton, Conn., who was b. April 10, 1783, and d. November 9, 1861; moved to Braintree in March, 1832, and lived on the Phineas Flint farm where Bouvett now lives; d. May 13, 1855. Of seven children only two are living.

1, *Edwin Clark*, b. July 21, 1820; twice m.; went to Wisconsin in 1856, and lives there.

2, *Anson Bidwell*, b. July 10, 1824; m. Nov. 10, 1853, Caroline A. Loomis; since 1869 has lived in Brookfield; one child: Carrie Arvilla, b. January 22, 1860; m. May 16, 1877, Burton Flint; lives in Brookfield.

SOLOMON FERRY, son of Isaac and cousin of Omar, b. Sheffield, Mass., September 5, 1792; settled in Whitehall, N. Y.; m. January 16, 1822, Lovina Flint; moved to Roxbury in the spring of 1853; d. April 11, 1864. Of seven children, two live in Braintree.



1, *Hannah Rebecca*, b. December 29, 1825; m. March 1, 1854, William C. Holman.

2, *Amasa William*, b. March 14, 1836; m. February 25, 1864, H. Viola Thayer; children: 1, Perley Grant, b. April 9, 1865. 2, Fred Carlos, b. January 22, 1868. 3, Georgia Harriet, b. Nov. 22, 1870. 4, Arthur Winfred, b. July 26, 1874. 5, Nellie Louise, b. October 31, 1877. 6, Mary Ethel Cora, b. May 19, 1880.

## FISH.

LEONARD FISH, b. in Randolph, November 11, 1806; m. December 25, 1827, Lucia M. Cummings of Barnard; moved to Braintree in September, 1871; hotel keeper at West Braintree; children:

1, *Melissa J.*, b. in Randolph December 20, 1829; m. March 3, 1853, S. B. Tucker of Barton Landing, and lives there.

2, *Hannah E.*, b. in Randolph, May 16, 1831; d. September 26, 1851.

3, *Maria M.*, b. in Barnard, July 13, 1833; m. March 9, 1859, O. R. Dutton, of Springfield, O., and lives there.

4, *Susan I.*, b. in Vilanovia, N. Y., December 31, 1836; m. September 3, 1856, J. H. Abbott of Bethel; lives in Minnesota.

5, *Alonzo L.*, b. in Barnard, March 28, 1839; d. at New Orleans in U. S. Service, September 20, 1862.

6, *Florett D.*, b. in Randolph, September 16, 1848; m. (1) Seymour Cole; m. (2) December 25, 1880, Albert M. Dunham.

## FISHER.

LEONARD KIMBALL FISHER, b. in Ripton, October 29, 1839; m. February 26, 1874, Lucy A. Latham, formerly of Berlin; one child: Dwight, b. March 16, 1877.

## FITTS.

SAMUEL FITTS, b. Sutton, Mass.; m. Martha ———, who d. April 7, 1807, aged 55; farmer; children:

1, *Artemas*, b. in Sutton, Mass., March 30, 1778; m. 1804, Sally Bates, who was b. in Royalston, Mass., March 29, 1778, and d. August 28, 1858; he d. March 18, 1867; farmer; children: 1, David Parker (adopted), son of Stephen Parker, b. in Randolph, December 24, 1803; m. Abby Tucker, and lives in Boston, Mass. 2, Avery, b. December 18, 1805; d. March 21, 1808. 3, Jefferson, b. October 22, 1807; died young. 4, Avery, b. December 7, 1809; m. May 24, 1832, Palace Trask; farmer; d. January 24, 1880; children: (1), Elhanan Avery, b. May 1, 1833; m. February 6, 1861, Mary A. Hitchcock, who was b. in Freedom, O., September 28, 1838; settled in River Falls, Wis.; since 1866 has resided in Braintree; farmer; children: William Lloyd Garrison, b. November 18, 1861. Wilbur Dwight, b. November 7, 1863. (2), Fostina Palace, b. May 17, 1834; m. December 1, 1859, Moses H. Belknap of Springfield, Mass., and lives there. (3), Sarah Lucina, b. August 25, 1836; m. January 1, 1867, Carlos B. Pratt; residence, West Randolph. (4), Joseph George, b. August 4, 1838; m. October 17, 1865, Mary A. Tilden, adopted daughter of Jehiel Huntington, b. November 13, 1842; resides in Boston, Mass. (5), Mary Melissa, twin to Joseph George;

m. March 4, 1863, David P. Mudgett, who was b. in Sandwich, N. H., April 9, 1833, and d. June 13, 1880; children: Lilla Mary (Mudgett), b. April 4, 1865. Ella Flora (Mudgett), b. October 15, 1867. George David (Mudgett), b. October 7, 1872. (6), Henry Wright, b. June 11, 1841; m. January 1, 1867, Eliza H. Lamson of West Randolph; adopted child: Marion Mell Buckman, a niece, b. June 5, 1865; d. October 3, 1882. (7), Horace Judson, b. October 3, 1847; m. October 28, 1873, Phebe S. Fish of West Randolph, and lives there. (8), Martha Abby, b. March 23, 1850; d. December 1, 1851. 5, Isabella, b. September 10, 1811; m. January 2, 1834, Janies Heath of Corinth, and resided there; d. August, 1853. 6, Sally, b. August 24, 1816; m. April 20, 1837, John W. Bragg of Warren, where she survives him.

2, *Keziah*, b. June 27, 1780; m. March 30, 1801, Joseph Riford, Jr.; d. October 3, 1862.

3, *Amos*, b. in Sutton, Mass., November 17, 1784; m. June 26, 1808, Jerusha Bates, who was b. in Hudson, Mass., October 22, 1784, and d. September 12, 1841; he settled in Braintree about 1817; d. April 5, 1867; children: 1, Asenath, b. in Waterbury, June 27, 1811; m. January 2, 1834, Jared Wilder of Waitsfield, and settled there; he d. December 20, 1860; she lives at East Warren. 2, Albert, b. in Waterbury, January 19, 1813; m. April 18, 1839, Sally Hunt; children: (1), Malona Frances, b. February 21, 1842; m. May 8, 1864, Z. Emmons Howe; d. June 29, 1869. (2), Martha Jane, b. December 21, 1844; d. December 2, 1848. (3), Charles C., d. December 6, 1848, aged 2 years. (4), Sarah Jane, b. May 15, 1851; m. June 2, 1869, John Seymour, Jr. 3, Adeline, twin to Albert, d. in Randolph, April 17, 1876. 4, Sarah, b. in Waterbury, March 19, 1815; d. at Stoughton, Mass., December 8, 1851. 5, Caroline, b. in Braintree, May 31, 1818; m. January 11, 1840, Horace Trask; resides in Warren. 6, Jefferson, b. July 6, 1820; m. July 26, 1843, Hester Withington, who was b. in Canton, Mass., June 10, 1818, and d. March 5, 1855; now resides at Stoughton, Mass; one child: Sarah M., b. June 15, 1844; d. December 4, 1846. 7, Malona, b. October 28, 1822; d. November 20, 1839. 8, Rhoda, b. December 6, 1824; m. July 4, 1847, George F. Hosmer, who d. in Virginia, December 30, 1867; lives in Warren. 9, Samuel, b. May 17, and d. September 27, 1826.

4, *Luke*, b. March 16, 1787; m. (1) September 20, 1812, Lucy Cobb, who d. November 20, 1828, aged 37 years; m. (2) May 20, 1829, Polly M. Martin of Rochester, who d. December 16, 1851; d. in Brunswick, Nova Scotia, August 3, 1872; children: 1, Laurena, b. July 9, 1813; m. October 8, 1835, Ira Lamson of West Randolph, and lived there; d. January 1, 1872. 2, Andrew H., b. June 20, 1816; m. Ellenor Sprague, and resides in Chelsea. 3, Maria M., b. October 20, 1819; m. Ralph Pascal, and lives in Brunswick. 4, Chauncey H., b. September 10, 1825; m. Eliza French, lives in Columbia, N. H. 5, by 2d m. Orison, b. May 27, 1832; m. Frances Perkins, and lives in Berlin. 6, Orvis, b. June 7, 1834; m. Mary ———; station agent at Walden.

5, *John*, b. May 15, 1789; m. Philena Copeland, who d. December 25, 1867, aged 73 years and 4 months; lived in Randolph; d. January 30, 1862.

6, *Nancy*, b. January 7, 1792; d. unmarried December 3, 1866.

7, *Hannah*, b. April 18, 1794; m. Elisha Flint; d. October 27, 1764.

8, *Clark*, b. December 29, 1796; m. three times; d. in Middlebury. Here is a mistake, for Clark was, we think, the oldest of all the children; and this is probably his son.

9, *Jonathan Stearns*, b. June 19, 1798; m. Chloe Brown of Randolph, who was b. March 15, 1806; subsequently removed to Fond du Lac, Wis., and both d. there; children b. in Braintree: 1, Marina, and 2, William; both d. young.

10, *Tamar*, date of birth unknown; m. a man named Scarlet, so named from being found when a babe on a doorstep wrapped in a scarlet blanket; went to Indiana and d. there.

11, *Patty*, birth unknown; m. Tyler Ball; lived and d. in Granville.

#### FLINT.

THOMAS FLINT, the first ancestor of this family known in America, emigrated from Wales, in Great Britain, probably as early as 1640, perhaps earlier, and settled at Salem Village (now South Danvers), Mass. On the 18th of September, 1654, he bought 150 acres of meadow and pasture land within the limits of Salem, and this farm has remained in the possession of his descendants till the present day. His wife's name was Ann; he d. April 15, 1663. There were 7 children, of whom John and Joseph are the progenitors of the Flints who have lived in Braintree.

JOHN, son of Thomas, b. August 3, 1655; lived in Salem Village; d. April, 1730.

JOHN, JR., son of John, b. February 8, 1681; settled in Windham (now Hampton), Conn.

SAMUEL, son of John, Jr., b. April 9, 1712; after his 3d marriage he moved from Hampton to Randolph, Vt., and d. there in 1802.

SILAS, son of Samuel, b. Hampton, Conn., March 19, 1737; moved into Braintree in February, 1785; subsequently moved to Canada and was killed there; he m. (1) December 4, 1757, Sarah Norton, who d. in 1763; (2) Abigail Robinson, b. February 22, 1737; children:

1, *Lucy*, b. Hampton, Conn., August 21, 1762; m. 1786, Nathaniel Hutchinson; d.

2, *Asahel*, b. in Hampton, May 28, 1765; moved to Braintree with his father; m. Sally Parish, who was b. April 7, 1784, and d. January 31, 1868; he d. March 16, 1855; no children.

3, *Rufus*, b. April 3, 1768; m. Hannah Hawes, who was b. July 10, 1773, and d. July 12, 1842; came to Braintree with his father, and moved to Madison, O., about 1830, and d. there May 12, 1837; children: 1, Electa, b. July 29, 1798; m. Daniel D. Robinson of Northfield, and lived there a few years; moved thence to Claridon, O., and resides there at present. 2, Rufus, Jr., b. March 4, 1800; m. (1) March 17, 1825, Olive Holman; m. (2) November 15, 1866, Ellen Doratha Freeze of Sandwich, N. H.; children: (1) Rufus Newton, b. January 3, 1826; m. November 2, 1853, Arvilla M. Thayer; lived in Randolph, Mass., till 1872, then moved to Braintree; children: Angie Arvilla, b. November 23, 1858; m. Oct. 20, 1880, Wallace C. Flag; lives in Boston, Mass. Minnie Florence, b. April 5, 1868. Anson Rufus, b. October 16, 1871. (2), Electa, b. May 23, 1827; m. April 23, 1855, William Cushman of Randolph, and

lives there. (3), Elvira, b. July 6, 1828; d. February 10, 1851. (4), Seth Mann Holman, b. December 8, 1836; m. April 18, 1858, Deborah Mann; since 1867 has lived in Randolph; children: Minnie E., b. June 8, 1859. Twins, b. May 9, and d. May 14, 1861. Mabel L., b. June 2, 1865. (5), Ruth Holman, b. February 8, 1835; m. January 18, 1855, Francis F. Thayer. (6), Eleanora Janett, b. June 2, 1836; m. Joseph C. Bryant; now lives in Randolph. (7), Mary Elizabeth, b. November 7, 1837; m. March 26, 1857, Charles E. Woodward. 3, Ebenezer Hawes, b. August 21, 1803; m. June 17, 1828, Sarah E. DuBois; d. October 3, 1848; children b. in Northfield, except one. (1), Lucretia A., b. July 4, 1834; m. M. D. Bowdich; d. October 16, 1857. (2), Rosetta M., b. October 24, 1837; d. June 11, 1860. (3), Ellen M., b. September 18, 1839; d. August 29, 1862. (4), Nancy W., b. May 17, 1842. (5), Phebe, b. in Braintree, November 20, 1843; d. March 8, 1860. 4, Hannah, b. July 18, 1806; m. January 1, 1845; m. Joseph Holbrook, a Mormon; lived at Salt Lake City, Utah; d. April 21, 1883. 5, Frederick, b. December 9, 1809; about 1830 went to Madison, O.; d. in Nebraska, about 1879 or 1880. 6, Mary, b. March 27, 1812; m. Anson Call of Ohio, and now lives at Salt Lake City, Utah.

4, *Phineas*, b. July 1, 1770.

5, 6, 7, *Triplets*, b. 1772; lived only a few days.

8, *Silas, Jr.*, b. April 20, 1774; m. and had a family of children, but we have no record of it.

JOSEPH, son of Thomas, b. 1662; m. August 6, 1685, Abigail Howard; lived in Salem, Mass., and d. 1710.

NATHANIEL, son of Joseph, b. December 11, 1688; settled in Hampton, Conn., about 1716; d. June 3, 1766.

NATHANIEL, JR., b. September 5, 1720; m. twice; last time, July 3, 1751, Mary Hovey, who was b. in Hampton, Conn., May 15, 1726; he d. January, 1795, and in the summer of 1803 Mrs. Flint moved to Braintree, where she d. September 30, 1867. Of 13 children, 4 settled in Braintree, viz.: Jonathan, Phineas, Daniel and William.

JONATHAN, son of Nathaniel, Jr., b. Hampton, Conn., November 17, 1755; m. Mary Amidon, who d. August 26, 1840, aged 78; settled in Braintree with his family, where he d. December 3, 1846; children:

1, *Asergel*, b. January 8, 1785.

2, *Elisha*, b. Hampton, Conn., April 7, 1787; m. (1) Huldah Carpenter, who was b. April 7, 1789, and d. February 22, 1854; m. (2) Hannah Fitts; he d. January 26, 1876; children: 1, Jacob Carpenter, b. October 7, 1809; d. 2, Orinda C., b. November 22, 1810; d. 3, Huldah, b. January 1, 1813; m. November 24, 1836, David F. Fisk; lives in Randolph. 4, Orinda, b. April 15, 1816; d. 5, Jasper Parish, b. April 22, 1817; m. November 16, 1849, Mary Mann Martin of Randolph; children: (1), Mary Zerene, b. December 14, 1851; m. August 13, 1872, Asa C. Snow; lives in Bethel. (2), Willie Parish, b. July 31, 1853; m. November 29, 1876, Ada L. Slack of Randolph; lives at West Randolph. (3), Eugene Clayton, b. December 3, 1855. (4), Orinda Hattie, b. March 4, 1858; m. October 2, 1880, Casrael H. Bruce. (5), Delos Lewis, b. November 28, 1860. (6), Perry Herbert, b. March 2, 1863. (7), Ida Belle, b. September 16, 1866. (8), Gertrude Alice, b.



June 4, 1870. 6, Marinda Matilda, b. March 19, 1819; m. Moody Burbank of Newburyport, Mass., and lived there when last heard from. 7, Zeruah, b. September 6, 1821; m. January 12, 1843, George Pratt. 8, Louise Ann, b. June 18, 1824; m. John L. Priest of Ludlow, whom she survives, and lives at West Randolph. 9, Hannah, b. December 1, 1826; d. 10, Jacob Carpenter, b. May 3, 1828; m. Sarah Heath of Randolph, and lives there. 11, Francis Elisha, b. October 30, 1832; m. July 19, 1853, Lucy A. Killam; children: (1), Sarah Imogene, b. February 12, 1855; m. November 4, 1875, Lester Watson. (2), Frank Waldo, b. September 16, 1857; m. September 20, 1883, Minnie F. Flint. (3), Minnie Cosella, b. April 14, 1860; m. July 4, 1878, Julius M. Montgomery. (4), Nettie Ann, b. February 23, 1863. (5), Lilly Louise, b. November 18, 1864. (6), Lester Alonzo, b. October 28, 1868. (7), Son, b. March 2, 1872; lived 11 days. (8), Harry Norman, b. June 15, 1874.

3, *Joseph*, b. March 15, 1789; m. November 21, 1811, Anna Bass; d. December 23, 1879; children: 1, Joanna, b. August 12, 1812; m. May 8, 1836, John Anderson of South Reading, Mass.; lives at Dorchester, Mass. 2, Joseph, Jr., b. June 12, 1814; m. Lora Ann Fuller; d. 3, Albert H., b. July 6, 1816; m. September 12, 1842, Hannah E. Vinton; lives in Granville. 4, Sarah V., b. July 6, 1819; m. January 26, 1843, Charles L. Vinton; lived in Granville. 5, Samuel Bass, b. April 2, 1821; m. (1) Maryett Hall; (2) Lora Ann (Fuller) Flint; resides at Menomonee, Wisconsin. 6, Jonathan, b. March 15, 1823; d. August 8, 1838. 7, George W., b. January 1, and d. September 19, 1825. 8, Manoia, b. June 27, 1826; m. A. G. Wells, and resides at Matapan, Mass. 9, George Washington, b. January 24, 1829; m. and lives in New Haven Mills. 10, Julia Elizabeth, b. January 12, 1830; m. January 25, 1853, John A. Vinton; lives in Granville.

4, *Augustus*, b. September 22, 1792; m. (1) October 29, 1813, Nancy Vinton; m. (2) September 2, 1847, Mrs. Maria (Lyon) Smith; d. January 2, 1872; children: 1, Zachariah Bicknell, b. March 18, 1815; m. October 6, 1836, Harriet A. Bass; in 1856 went to River Falls, Wis.; d. somewhere in Dakota. 2, Samuel Minot, b. August 4, 1818; m. May 4, 1847, C. Minora Craig; lawyer; went to St. Paul, Minn., and d. there, October 6, 1881. 3, Mary Ann, b. May 14, 1821; m. March 25, 1841, Nathan A. Howard; d. April 10, 1847. 4, Russell Adams, b. January 12, 1823; m. (1) January 1, 1849, Mary M. Spear; (2) June 9, 1859, Ellen M. Spear; children: (1), Mary Maria, b. August 12, 1854; m. June 15, 1873, Seva H. Thayer. (2), Daughter, b. August 14, 1861; d. September 1, 1861. (3), Ella May, b. May 11, 1863; m. December 5, 1881, S. Eugene Abbott. (4), Carroll Langdon, b. May 25, 1869.

5, *Anna*, b. September 20, 1794; m. (1) James Neff; m. (2) Nathan Kenney; m. (3) — Cushman; d.

6, *Sally*, b. April 19, 1796; m. May 9, 1815, Ebenezer Abbott; lives in Randolph.

7, *Polly*, b. November 2, 1798; m. September 23, 1819, Samuel C. Sumner.

PHINEAS, son of Nathaniel, b. Hampton, Conn., February 23, 1757; moved from Hampton, January 25, 1796, and settled in Braintree; m. February 24, 1780, Hannah Clark, who was b. December 29, 1757, and d. April 14, 1827; he d.

June 25, 18—; blacksmith. His epitaph is: "Nine hours of pain stopped the hammer and the bellows." Children:

1, *Patience*, b. Hampton, November 28, 1780; d. January 31, 1786.

2, *Phineas*, Jr., b. August 17, 1782; m. March 18, 1813, Abigail Weld; settled in Braintree in 1796; d. June 17, 1826; children: 1, Edwin, b. May 25, 1814. 2, Emily, b. December 6, 1815; m. August 18, 1836, Childs T. Blakeslee of Claridon, O.; lived at Chagrin Falls, O.; now at River Falls, Wis. 3, Caroline, b. November 11, 1817; m. September 24, 1835, Jacob A. Spear. 4, Son, twin to Caroline, d. a few hours old. 5, Samuel Waldo, b. February 23, 1820; m. Sarah Rosebrook of Princeton, Wis.; now lives at Nashua, Iowa; was member of the Wisconsin Legislature 2 years; in 1881 member of the Iowa Legislature. 6, Alvin Lyon, b. May 12, 1822; m. Sarah Vanvalin of Wisconsin; lives at Nashua, Iowa; once a member of the Wisconsin Legislature. 7, Laura Ann, b. July 28, and d. December 13, 1824. 8, *Phineas*, 3d, b. August 7, 1826; d. September 13, 1827.

3, *Jeremiah*, b. Hampton, Conn., November 16, 1784; m. April 6, 1830, Jerusha Pratt; d. October 26, 1842; children: 1, Helen, b. April 10, 1831. 2, Abby, b. September 19, 1833; d. August 10, 1858. 3, George W., b. June 25, 1835. 4, *Phineas* C., b. September 29, 1837. 5, *Jeremiah* C., b. March 4, 1840. 6, John Wesley, b. June 13, 1842; d. August 7, 1844.

4, *John*, b. May 9, 1787; d. unmarried, June 28, 1829.

5, *Patience*, b. March 12, 1789; m. — Henney; left him and went to New York, and d. there.

6, *Eliphalet*, b. June 14, 1791; m. December 5, 1816, Elizabeth Vinton; d. May 3, 1842; one child, Hannah Maria, b. March 8, 1826; d. July 29, 1828.

7, *Hannah*, b. June 28, 1793; m. March 28, 1815, Levi Jackman of Berlin; went West.

8, *Rebecca*, b. June 24, 1795; m. William Ford; went to Lock Berlin, N. Y. and d. there.

9, *Sally*, b. September 5, 1797; m. July 10, 1817, Elijah French, Jr.; moved to N. Y. and d. there.

10, *Clark*, b. January 15, 1800; m. and lived at Attica, N. Y.

11, *Seymour*, b. February 23, 1802; d. June 11, 1808.

DANIEL, son of Nathaniel, b. Hampton, Conn., December 7, 1761; m. (1) Elizabeth Martin, who was b. December 24, 1761, and d. October 24, 1804; m. (2) Mrs. Sarah Sumner, mother of Samuel C. Sumner; moved to Braintree in 1796, and settled at "Connecticut Corners;" d. March 12, 1842.

1, *Betsy*, b. October 9, 1784; m.

2, *Daniel*, Jr., b. July 17, 1786; m. November 10, 1808, Sally Whiting; d. children: 1, Eliza. 2, Nelson. 3, Orison. 4, Warren. 5, Sarah. 6, Perry.

3, *Polly*, b. January 30, 1789; d. April 28, 1791.

4, *Phila*, b. October 17, 1790; m. Joseph Bowditch of Randolph, and lived there; d. in Boston.

5, *Ebenezer*, b. August 7, 1792; m. Eliza Linfield; went West.

6, *Nathaniel*, b. February 29, 1796; m. April 5, 1821, Polly Nichols; d. July 17, 1873; children: 1, Nancy Ann, b. March 21, 1824; m. May 18, 1842, Abial

Rising; d. December 28, 1869. 2, Daniel, b. February 19, 1826; m. March 9, 1854, Sarah E. Linfield; children: (1), Lora May, b. April 13, 1855; m. March 22, 1875, Albert Pearl; one child (adopted), Mabel Gertrude, b. March 16, 1879. (2), Charles Fremont, b. August 18, 1856; m. February 27, 1883, Ada M. Holman. (3), Flora Elizabeth, b. September 3, 1858; d. October 19, 1860. (4), Flora Minnie, b. June 18, 1860; m. September 20, 1883, Waldo F. Flint. (5), Daniel Hale, b. December 13, 1863. (6), Sherwin Martin, b. January 7, 1866. (7), Irving Adams, b. May 20, 1868. (8), Marion Linfield, b. May 20, 1872. 3, Mary, b. January 17, 1828; m. November 29, 1860, Jacob Albert of Mass.; resides at Salem, N. H. 4, Naomi Lorette, b. April 26, 1832; m. September 28, 1862, Duran Snow; d. December 30, 1870. 5, Abner Nichols, b. March 31, 1834; m. (1) Susan Smith; (2) Celia Richardson; lives in Little Rock, Ark. 6, Martha Elizabeth, b. August 9, 1836; m. December 14, 1853, Edwin Stockwell of Royalston, Mass., and lives there. 7, Emily, b. June 23, 1838; d. January 11, 1866.

7, *Eunice*, b. February 19, 1798; m. December 31, 1823, Horace Kent of Warren, and resided there; d. February 16, 1878.

8, *Joseph*, b. December 28, 1802; m. Mercy Monroe; went West; both dead.

9, *Martin*, b. October 9, 1804; d. Jacksonburg, Mo., July 30, 1834. by 2d m.:

10, *Cynthia*, d. August 5, 1835.

11, *Smith*, m. Electa Coburn; went to Ohio; now dead.

12, *Sarah Ann*, m. March 19, 1835, Parker Flint; d. at River Falls, Wis.

WILLIAM FLINT, son of Nathaniel, b. Hampton, Conn., April 29, 1769; m. Patty Randall; settled in Braintree in 1803; d. 1850; children:

1, *William, Jr.*, b. March 17, 1795; m. Anna Thomas, who was b. December 6, 1798, and d. September 21, 1879; he d. August 16, 1879. Had children.

2, *Elijah*, b. March 7, 1798; m. September 5, 1824, Patience Neff; d. March 8, 1882; children: 1, Lewis Neff, b. December 3, 1824; m. July 16, 1846, Mary B. Bass; killed by cars, at Lawrence, Mass., September 2, 1856; children: (1), Leroy Hale, b. April 7, 1848; m. September 19, 1877, Ella M. Kendrick of West Randolph; lives in Chicago, Ill. (2), Ida Lell, b. July 8, 1857; d. July 3, 1864. (3), DeWitt Clinton, b. June 3, 1855; m. February 23, 1881, Lucinda Spooner of Randolph; residence, Jamestown, Dak.; one child: Philbra Lewis, b. in Braintree, February 15, and d. December 23, 1883. 2, Roana, b. October 24, 1826; m. May 9, 1847, J. Q. A. Bass; lives at West Randolph. 3, Abby, b. October 1, 1828; m. November 2, 1847, James Hutchinson, Jr.; d. at West Randolph, May 6, 1879. 4, Elijah Perkins, b. August 21, 1830; m. 1858, Flora E. Wheeler of West Randolph, and lives there. 5, Martha Ann, b. January 2, 1833; m. August 3, 1850, James P. Cleveland, Jr.; residence, West Randolph. 6, Mary Augusta, b. August 22, 1834; m. May 5, 1859, Edgar A. Hatch of Pittsfield; lived at West Randolph; d. January 16, 1883. 7, Harriet Ellen, b. October 16, 1836; m. March 21, 1860, Stillman C. Loomis; lived in Randolph; d. January 10, 1875. 8, Patience Jeanette, b. August 13, 1839; m. May 5, 1859, H. Sherman Harwood; since 1878 has lived in Cambridge, Mass. 9, Joseph Jerome, b. April 3, 1742; m. September 5, 1866, Clara L. Ford of West Randolph; lives now at Jamestown, Dak. 10, Charles Rush, b. May 13, 1845; m. November 6, 1871, Emma E. Kelsey of New York State; now in Jamestown, Dak. 11, Infant,

b. and d. August 5, 1847. 12, Lora Frances, b. October 28, 1852; m. May 21, 1873, Wales Bass; lives at West Randolph.

3, *Royal*, b. September 27, 1799; m. November 23, 1820, Betsey Harwood; lived in Brookfield; d. January 22, 1846.

4, *Martha*, b. February 1, 1801; m. (1), September 7, 1820, Samuel Vinton; in 1824 moved to Bristol; m. (2) Godfrey Richardson, whom she survives; lives at East Bethel.

5, *Mary*, b. December 27, 1803; m. Charles Lewis; lived at Potsdam, N. Y.; d. at Hastings, Minn.

6, *Abigail*, b. August 4, 1805; lived in Michigan.

7, *Hovey*, b. April 20, 1807; m. March 21, 1833, Sarah Spear; d. January 28, 1880; children: 1, Allen Hovey, b. January 2, 1834; m. (1) May 8, 1856, Ann E. Adams, formerly of Williamstown, who d. November 18, 1858; m. (2) March 17, 1859, Rosette A. Blanchard; children: (1) Charles Adams, b. June 17, 1857. (2), Allen Hovey, Jr., b. October 15, 1858; m. September 5, 1877, Jessie L. Scott; children: Myron Parker and Florence Mabel. (3), by (2) m., Avery Elijah, b. January 1, 1860. (4), Anna Elvira, b. May 20, 1864. (5), George Cardell, b. May 15, 1866. (6), Herbert Forest, b. January 5, 1869. (7), Mary Chloe, b. February 6, 1873. (8), Emma Rose, b. March 18, 1875. (9), Perkins Warren, b. April 11, 1878. (10), Lella Delia, b. February 14, 1882. 2, Chloe, b. December 17, 1835; m. September 22, 1873, Almon Morse of Randolph, and lives there. 3, Avery Levi, b. March 8, 1838; m. October 9, 1860, Susan S. Loomis; lived in Braintree several years; d. in Randolph, February 17, 1875; one child: Mary A., b. October 1, 1864. 4, Mary Sophia, b. March 22, 1840; d. December 6, 1871. 5, Delia Arlotta, b. April 26, 1843; m. July 28, 1861, Edwin F. Thresher.

8, *Abigail*, b. March 27, 1808; m. Jehiel English; d. in the West.

9, *Parker*, b. April 14, 1810; m. March 19, 1835, Sarah Ann Flint; went to River Falls, Wis., about 1856, and resides there.

10, *David Fenton*, b. January 15, 1812; m. Rhoda Morse of Brookfield; d. at West Randolph; children: 1, Abby Ann, m. — Sargent. 2, Joseph Rodney, b. July 22, 1843; m. January 12, 1871, Ann L. Cross of Brookfield; one child: Ernest Fenton, b. November 3, 1879.

11, *Chloe*, b. February 21, 1814; m. July 5, 1837, Charles A. Clark of Greenfield, Mass.; d. west.

12, *Zacheus*, b. December 25, 1817; m. (1) April 11, 1839, Caroline Abbott; m. (2) December 31, 1881, Anna E. Blair, formerly of Fayston; children: 1, Caroline Annette, b. August 20, 1840; d. August 11, 1842. 2, Vilas C., b. October 30, 1842; m. November 18, 1868, Sarah E. Sumner; children: (1), Julius Vilas, b. October 3, 1869. (2), Herman Elbert, b. October 21, 1871. (3), Newton Judson, b. September 28, 1874. (4), Caroline Annette, b. October 12, 1878. (5), Leon, b. March 6, 1882. 3, Julius Zacheus, b. August 13, 1849; d. September 27, 1853.

AMASA FLINT, son of Nathaniel and Lucy, b. at Hampton, Conn., August 1775, and d. December 11, 1851; m. (1) September 10, 1795, Hannah Martin of Hampton, who d. March 15, 1837, aged 62; m. (2) Mrs. Lucy B. Bartlett, who d. in 1838; m. (3) July 25, 1839, Mrs. Phebe Rumrill; children all by first wife:



1, *Lucy*, b. September 21, 1796; m. Jewett Leathers of Lincoln, where she lived and died aged 62.

2, *Amasa, Jr.*, b. August 9, 1798; m. October 11, 1824, Harriet Hall; children: 1, Azro Hall, b. February, 1826. 2, Samuel Harrison, dead. 3, Hiram A., b. in 1829. 4, Henry, b. in 1838.

3, *Lovina*, b. January 7, 1801; d. June 3, 1880; m. Solomon Ferry of Whitehall, N. Y., who d. April 11, 1864; moved to Roxbury about 1833.

4, *Eunice*, b. March 21, 1803; m. October 24, 1824, Leonard Holman.

5, *Benjamin Martin*, b. December 11, 1805; m. Sabria Dudley; resides at Randolph.

6, *Hannah*, b. September 17, 1808; m. December 13, 1832, Joseph Dudley of Randolph, Mass.; d. November 24, 1882.

7, *Ziba*, b. April 4, 1813; m. December 6, 1838, Roxana Bartlett of Brookfield; d. about 1860; children: 1, Laura, m. Otis Standish of West Randolph, where she survives him. 2, Mary Jane, d. March, 1865. 3, Helen, m. Martin Mann of Randolph; d. March 25, 1867, aged 20.

#### FORD.

ABRAHAM FORD, b. in Hampton, Conn., August 29, 1744; m. November 8, 1764, Abigail Woodward of Hampton, who was b. May 1, 1740, and d. March 23, 1826; moved to Braintree in the winter of 1801, settling where L. K. Fisher lives; sold to Daniel Waite, March 22, 1816, and moved to Brookfield; d. March 19, 1832; children all b. in Hampton:

1, *Abraham, Jr.*, b. May 15, 1765; m. Sally Ingalls of Brookfield; lived in Jericho, and d. there April 8, 1813.

2, *Jacob*, b. April 7, 1767; lived in Lebanon, Conn.; d. June 23, 1824.

3, *Abigail*, twin to Jacob, m. December 7, 1826, Samson Nichols; d. in Randolph, February 4, 1831.

4, *Sally*, b. November 27, 1768; never m.; d. August 15, 1844.

5, *Alice*, b. March 20, 1770; d. May 18, 1784.

6, *Dinah*, b. October 5, 1771; d. June 1, 1773.

7, *Dyer*, b. January 31, 1773; lived and d. in Connecticut.

8, *Chloe*, b. August 1, 1774; d. March 6, 1790.

9, *Ella*, b. April 6, 1776; m. Harvey Ingalls of Brookfield; d. at East Pitcairn, N. Y., October 26, 1857.

10, *Hannah*, b. May 22, 1777; m. James Flint of Williamstown, and lived there; d. July 13, 1821.

11, *Dinah*, b. July 27, 1781; m. Henry Brown and lived in Randolph; d. March 7, 1868.

12, *Elisha*, b. January 5, 1785; m. July 9, 1809, Aseneth Spear; d. June 28, 1869; children: 1, Washington, b. January 9, 1810; m. January 6, 1835, Mary Crain of Berlin, d. July 26, 1883; children: (1), Abraham, b. June 6, 1836; m. July 4, 1855, Mary A. Cady of Northfield; went to California April 1, 1869. (2), William J., b. February 8, 1839; m. August 11, 1860, Maria E. Bennett of Northfield; went to California, March, 1868; d. October 27, 1877. (3), Orson, b. July 17, 1841; d. November 26, 1849. (4), Mary, b. September 3, 1843; d. June 24, 1845. (5), Jacob Washington, b. June 20, 1846; m. Ida Phillips of Brookfield; lives at West

Randolph. (6), Orson Elisha, b. August 25, and d. October 8, 1861. 2, Lewis, b. October 26, 1811; m. twice; lives at Barton Landing. 3, Maria, b. August 4, 1813; married, lived and d. in Worcester. 4, Kezia, b. January 25, 1816; m. Levi Tracy; d. August 20, 1839. 5, Levina, b. January 13, 1818; d. in Brookfield, June 4, 1857; grad. med. coll. 6, Anna, b. January 8, 1820; m. Levi Tracy; lives at Grand Haven, Mich. 7, Hannah, b. April 25, 1822; m. December 12, 1841, Matthew Pratt, Jr.; d. January 20, 1845. 8, John, b. April 27, 1824; m. ——— Bird; killed in first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861. 9, Abigail, b. June 20, 1826; m. Franklin Croffut of Boston, Mass., and lives there. 10, Chloe, b. December 19, 1828; m. Joseph Smith; lives a widow in Boston, Mass. 11, Sarah B., b. February 15, 1831; m. William S. Reynolds; lived in Kansas; d. February 25, 1862. 12, Fanny, b. January 31, 1835; m. ——— Seavey, and lives in Dorchester, Mass. 13, Henry, b. December 2, 1837; lives with Fanny.

WILLIAM FORD, place of nativity unknown; children:

1, *William*, Jr., b. August 30, 1770; m. 1791, Elizabeth Parmly; d. September 23, 1830; children: 1, Jehiel, b. March 9, 1793; m. (1) March 24, 1812, Sally Pratt; m. (2) December 18, 1842, Harriet Stedman; d. February 2, 1856; children: (1), Emily, b. August 10, 1815; m. January 2, 1838, William Cushman; d. March 2, 1854. (2), Maria, b. December 29, 1817; m. November 15, 1836, Gilbert Tilson of West Randolph, and resided there. (3), Minora, b. March 12, 1821; m. April 1, 1841, Micah Mann of West Randolph, and resided there; d. April 18, 1851. (4), Betsey, b. August 16, and d. September 19, 1823. (5), Satira, b. December 7, 1824; m. Jonathan Lamson. (6), Jehiel Chauncey, b. August 29, 1829; m. Frances Wood of Randolph; d. September 9, 1856. 2, Clara, b. August 28, 1797; m. December 1, 1814, Henry Brackett, Jr.; d. August 11, 1874. 3, Ira, b. October 1, 1800; m. (1) November 30, 1830, Nellie Morton of Randolph, who d. October 11, 1847, aged 43 years; m. (2) June 4, 1848, Ellen Amelia Edson; children: (1), Joseph Merton, b. April 7, 1832; m. July 5, 1851, Mary C. Stanley; resides at West Randolph. (2), Harriet Miriam, b. April 9, 1838; m. September 22, 1851, Charles Beckwith; resides at Lebanon, N. H. (3), William Henry, b. August 6, 1849; d. November 11, 1852. (4), Lydia Maria, b. November 16, 1851; m. March 16, 1872, Cruden J. Holmes of Barnet; resides in Brookfield. (5), William Henry, b. September 17, 1854; d. September 2, 1855. (6), George Ira, b. October 12, 1857; m. November 26, 1881, Minnie E. Martin. 4, Samuel, b. February 3, 1803; m. Harriet Moulton of Randolph; resides at Staten Island, N. Y. 5, Betsey, b. September 16, 1805; m. April 13, 1825, Samuel Riford; d. May 24, 1864. 6, Lovina, b. October 23, 1808; m. May 14, 1828, Stillman Moulton of Randolph, and resides there. 7, William, 3d, b. June 6, 1811; m. (2) July 21, 1839, Abigail Flint; lived in Jackson, Mich.; d. Nov. 14, 1865. 8, Otis Standish, b. December 20, 1813; m. November 25, 1839, Orpha Goodwin, settled in Hardwich; d. April 13, 1875. 9, Sally, b. August 20, 1816; m. December 4, 1834, Zenas Thayer, Jr.; lives at Winona, Wis.

2, *Jonathan*, m. and lived in Granville.

3, *Caleb*, m. Rebecca Lamb; settled on the Benj. Spear place; moved to Granville.

4, *Samuel*, m. Abigail Nutting, settled in Roxbury.

5, *Asa*, settled in Granville.

6, *Elisha*, m. December 8, 1808, Betsey Vesey; went West and died there.

7, *Micah*, b. July 13, 1786; m. (1) March 7, 1807, Betsey Spear; m. (2) February 14, 1819, Sally Gooch; d. August 31, 1873; children: 1, Sarah, b. March 30, 1823; d. unmarried, April 12, 1879. 2, Joshua Bradley, b. February 18, 1825; m. October 29, 1854, Rebecca Brown; one child: Minnie Manardie, b. December 29, 1867. 3, John N., b. August 21, 1827; m. October 22, 1854, Catharine Mary Webber of Rumney, N. H., who d. June 7, 1863, aged 26 years and 8 months; killed at the battle of Fair Oaks, October 27, 1864; children: (1), Harriet C., b. August 17, 1855; m. Arthur S. Webber; settled at Brockton, Mass. (2), William Eugene, b. December 17, 1856; killed by cars at Plymouth, N. H., November 29, 1881. (3), Lawrence DeEstaing, b. July 18, 1859. (4), Florine Maria, b. February 20, 1861; m. July 17, 1881, Omar Rogers of Bethel, and lives there. 4, Roswell, b. November 8, 1829; m. Alice Maria Webber of Rumney, N. H., who d. March 26, 1882; he d. March 18, 1882; children: (1), Clarence A., b. March 29, 1858. (2), Donald Elmer, b. May 7, 1868. (3), Essie May, b. October 23, 1878. 5, Elisha Harold, b. July 11, 1837; m. December 19, 1881, Abby Ellis. 6, Julia Lovina, b. March 10, 1840; m. July 4, 1855, Zoraster Brown.

#### FLAGG.

AUSTIN FLAGG, b. in Brimfield, Mass., February 14, 1806; he and his brother William came to Braintree on foot in 1816 with their stepfather, Sylvenus Bolton; during that year they suffered much from want of food, often going to bed supperless; William lived in town till of age, then went to Bristol, afterwards to Middlebury and lived there; a carpenter by trade; killed by a fall from a building at Rutland, August 24, 1854; Austin m. May 14, 1837, Mary E. Harwood; built saw mill about 1851; d. January 24, 1874; children:

1, *Menander*, b. May 2, 1838; d. July 30, 1841.

2, *George Washington*, b. April 9, 1839; m. May 16, 1865, Adelia A. Howard; children: 1, Lester Gerry, b. January 27, 1867. 2, Bertie Carroll, b. February 26, 1878.

3, *Persis Mary*, b. November 2, 1840; m. January, 1865, Stearns S. Hutchinson of Roxbury; resides in Brookfield.

4, *Wright*, b. July 25, 1842; d. January 21, 1862.

5, *William Day*, b. October 5, 1844; d. September 2, 1846.

6, *Watson Orvis*, b. January 10, 1847; m. October 19, 1875, Ella L. Martin of Randolph, and lives there.

7, *Waldo Jason*, b. December 15, 1848; m. July 4, 1873, Julia Bowen of Bethel; resides in Charlestown, Mass.; one child: Lulu Ethel, b. April, 1880.

8, *Wallace C.*, b. June 26, 1851; m. October 20, 1880, Angie A. Flint; residence, Charlestown, Mass.

9, *Miles Wesley*, b. August 4, 1855; d. December 28, 1861.

10, *Della Inez*, b. August 20, 1858; m. November 23, 1881, Arthur Cunningham of Charlestown, Mass., and lived there; d. October 17, 1882.

11, *Warren Dayton*, b. March 20, 1861.

## FRENCH.

ELIJAH FRENCH, b. probably in Braintree, Mass., about 1733; m. Susanna White; came to Braintree in 1786-7; killed by a fall, March 9, 1798; children:

1, *Abel*, b. January 27, 1782; d. September 23, 1807.

2, *Gamaliel*, b. March 14, 1785; d. September 12, 1807.

3, *Sally*, b. September 18, 1787; d. October 19, 1807.

4, *Ebenezer White*, b. October 10, 1790; d. unmarried December 11, 1851.

5, *Elijah, Jr.*, b. August 27, 1794; m. July 10, 1817, Sally Flint; went West about 1818-19; one child: Alden, b. August 27, 1818.

Four children of Joshua and Esther (Wales) French of Braintree, Mass., have resided in Braintree:

1, *Prudence*, b. March 29, 1759; m. about 1779 Simeon Curtis; d. April 10, 1812.

2, *John* (Col.), b. March 26, 1762; m. about 1783 Hannah Wales of Braintree, Mass.; b. September 29, 1759, and d. September 26, 1835; came to Braintree about 1792-3; went to Randolph in 1806, where he d. May 14, 1829; children: 1, John, Jr., b. July 17 and d. September 23, 1785. 2, Joseph W., twin to John, m. Polly Converse, sister to Ex-Gov. Converse; lived in Randolph, but subsequently returned to Braintree; d. December 3, 1854. 3, John, Jr., b. August 1, 1787; m. Rebecca Storrs of Randolph; lived and d. in Randolph, Mass. 4, Hannah, b. March 4, 1789; d. young. 5, Sally, b. December 14, 1790; m. Francis Dow of Randolph and lived there; d. in Mass. 6, Samuel Bass, b. January 30, 1793. 7, Esther, b. February 4, 1795; d. March 19, 1796. 8, Betsey, b. August 7, 1796; d. August 16, 1816. 9, Polly, b. March 2, 1799; m. Calvin French of Randolph, Mass., and resided there. 10, William, b. April 8, 1802; m. Malinda Barker of Woodstock.

3, *Jedediah*, b. December 20, 1770. m. September 20, 1792, Phebe Wales of Braintree, Mass., b. April 1, 1772, and d. April 18, 1854; moved to Braintree about 1792, thence to Randolph where he d. June 1, 1833; children: 1, Phebe, b. April 16, 1793; d. March 4, 1812. 2, Matilda, b. October 16, 1794; m. Alexander English of Randolph and lived there; d. January 20, 1823. 3, Jedediah, Jr., b. February 19, 1796; m. Sophia Jones of West Randolph; afterwards went to Ohio; d. October 9, 1864. 4, Esther W., b. in Braintree, Mass., October 5, 1797; m. Levi Bigelow of West Randolph and lived there; d. March 23, 1876. 5, Rachel, b. March 13, 1799; m. Lazarus Riford and settled at West Randolph; later removed to Chester; d. October 21, 1864. 6, Jacob Wales, b. February 13, 1801; m. Eliza French of Randolph, Mass., and lived there; d. September 10, 1849. 7, Eliza, b. May 13, 1802; m. Sammel Smith of Randolph and settled there; d. August 15, 1828. 8, Polly, b. March 24, 1804; d. July 18, 1813. 9, Joseph, b. January 5, 1806; m. Roxana Joslyn of Randolph; resides in Milwaukee, Wis. 10, Hannah W., b. October 24, 1808; m. Abraham A. Sargent and settled in Braintree; now resides in Randolph. 11, Jonathan, b. August 27, 1810; m. Clarissa Fish; lives in southern Kansas. 12, Olivia, b. June 28, 1811; m. Francis Maynard; d. September 15, 1859. 13, Phebe, b. October 5, 1813; m. Seth Riford; resided at Waukesha, Wis., and d. there October, 1876.



JASON AMSDEN FRENCH, b. in Westford, February 19, 1832; m. February 12, 1861, Emma Melissa Hatch, formerly of Montpelier, who was born June 19, 1843; moved to Braintree in April, 1862; children:

- 1, *Perry Hatch*, b. July 5, 1864; d. aged 11 weeks.
- 2, *Perly Martin*, b. September 1, 1866; d. November 30, 1882.
- 3, *Ruth Estella*, b. September 26, 1870; d. April 3, 1872.
- 4, *Mary Emma*, b. September 7, 1873.
- 5, *Celia Abbie*, b. August 17, 1878.

## FULLER.

STEPHEN FULLER, moved from Sutton, Mass., about 1786; m. Lydia Putnam, probably of Sutton, who d. March 21, 1848, aged 88; children:

- 1, *Polly*, b. May 22, 1779; m. Daniel Claflin of Hancock, and lived there a few years; moved thence to Brookfield, and d. there September 15, 1835; he d. September 28, 1863, aged 89.
- 2, *Matilda*, b. December 28, 1781; m. (1) April 16, 1794, Job Mann; m. (2) April 9, 1815, Isaac Lothrop; d. November 14, 1867.
- 3, *Simeon*, b. January 26, 1783; m. (1) May 28, 1806, Sally Spear; m. (2) April 12, 1838, Mrs. Chatharine Wells; lived in Brookfield; d. March 31, 1872.
- 4, *Squire*, b. July 12, 1785; m. Bethiah Ames of Easton, Mass.; lived in Brookfield, and d. April 30, 1875.
- 5, *Laurena*, b. October 6, 1787; m. (1) October 15, 1807, Solomon Forbes, and resided in Brookfield; m. (2) ——— Martindale; went to Ohio and d. there.
- 6, *Stephen, Jr.*, b. May 1, 1790; m. Sally Hickson of Roxbury; dead. Had children, but we have no record of them.
- 7, *Relief*, b. November 23, 1793; m. May 22, 1820, Daniel Kidder of Randolph; lived and d. there.
- 8, *Zebina*, b. January 23, 1795; m. Harriet Smith of Brookfield, and lived there; killed, October 20, 1848, by an explosion of gunpowder at Montpelier.
- 9, *Ephraim*, b. December 14, 1796; m. Abigail Smith of Brookfield, where he survives her.
- 10, *Larnard*, b. August 9, 1799; m. Sally Smith of Brookfield, and lived there; d. May 2, 1860.
- 11, *Fanny*, b. July 24, 1802; m. Hiram Eaton of Rochester; d. in Braintree, December 14, 1863.
- 12, *Arvilla*, b. October 7, 1807; m. Daniel Loomis; d. November 26, 1846.

## GOOCH.

JOSEPH GOOCH, son of Joseph, b. in Milton, Mass., December 13, 1750; m. November 26, 1776, Judith Bradley, who was b. in Braintree, Mass., June 17, 1753, and d. September 30, 1832; moved to Braintree the last of November, 1787; d. November 26, 1812; children:

- 1, *Joseph, 3d*, b. in Braintree (now Randolph), Mass., September 10, 1777; m. December 6, 1804, Rebecca Wood, formerly of Stoughton, Mass., who was b. February 10, 1782, and d. July 30, 1880, nearly 100 years old; moved to Braintree with his father; d. August 20, 1850; children; 1, Martin Burckes, b. May 7, 1806; m. February 2, 1852, Sarah Kelly of Derry, Mass., who d. February 11,

1883, aged about 80; he d. February 19, 1883; no children. 2, Nancy Wood. 3, Julia Ann, b. August 7, 1812; m. (1) December 9, 1830, William B. Hill; moved to Pittsfield about 1856, where she m. (2) Austin Thomas, and lives there. 4, Lucy, b. November 20, 1814; m. December, 1840, Samuel Newell Fisk of Northfield; lives now at West Randolph. 5, Almira Melora, b. December 19, 1821; d. September 10, 1823.

2, *Mary*, b. in Randolph, Mass., February 12, 1780; m. (1) Alpheus Smith of Brookfield, who, in 1803, went to Windsor to work and never returned; supposed to have been drowned; m. (2) Thatcher Gooch, who d. March, 1833; she d. May 8, 1857.

3, *Rebecca*, b. July 1, 1784; m. August 20, 1807, Richard Lethbridge of Roxbury, Mass., who d. July 17, 1827, aged 49; she d. October 28, 1824.

4, *Tamazin*, b. November 22, 1789; m. Benjamin Barber of Pownal; lived and d. there.

JOHN GOOCH, brother of Joseph, b. in Mass., February 6, 1757; m. April 1, 1798, Abigail Bradley, who was b. October 12, 1758, and d. April 16, 1838; he d. November 14, 1853—nearly 97; one child: Sally, b. June 9, 1800; m. February 19, 1819, Micah Ford.

#### GOODNO.

LUTHER S. GOODNO came from Hancock to Braintree, July 4, 1833, and was clerk in Ingalls' store at Peth. He became joint proprietor of the same February 14, 1834, in company with Rufus Hutchinson. He continued in trade ten years; was postmaster from 1836 to 1839; and deputy sheriff from 1841 to 1846. December 23, 1835, he married Harriet M. Stockwell of Cornwall. He moved to Middlebury in May, 1846, and both are now living at Canton, N. Y. Some things he writes may be appreciated:

"Braintree is my adopted town; there I spent the best of my youth and enjoyed solid comfort, for the people were of the good New England type. My Braintree friends are all like brothers. I have had a rough and tumble game through life. The first temperance pledge I ever signed was that of the old Washingtonian society at the same time the Rev. Ammi Nichols did, who was the society's clerk. I have always lived up to that pledge, the most worthy intention ever formed. When I resided in Braintree I was a democrat, which party was then in its purity. But it has since very much degenerated; at this time the most corrupt party since the days of the Blue Lights. I became a republican in the fall of 1860. Slavery is done away, the southern people are prospering, and though we had to wade through rivers of blood, yet, thank God, this government is free. As the serpent was lifted up for the children of Israel to look upon to be healed, so liberty was lifted up for the healing of this nation. The lamented Lincoln once said to a friend: 'Wait, Dick, and see the salvation of the Lord.' Then came the proclamation of emancipation."

#### GROW.

CALEB NICHOLS GROW, b. in Tunbridge, June 27, 1808; adopted by Caleb Nichols when two and a half years old, and named for him; m. January 26,

1830, Content Cushman; one child: Emeline Cushman, b. December 24, 1830; d. July 20, 1874.

## HALLECK.

STEPHEN HALLECK, b. in Richmond, September 16, 1824; moved to Braintree about 1854; m. April 27, 1854, Sarah Jane Wells of Middlesex; since 1867 has lived at White River Junction; children:

- 1, *Willie Theodore*, b. February 9, 1855.
- 2, *Elmer Ellsworth*, b. June 3, 1861.
- 3, *Jennie Maria*, b. November 12, 1863.

## HARBACK.

THOMAS HARBACK, b. in Alcester, Warwickshire, England, in 1698; came to America about 1720; m. 1723, Anable Cooledge, who was b. in Newton, Mass., 1702, and d. March 8, 1777; he d. at Sutton, Mass., September 23, 1782; 9 children.

THOMAS, Jr., b. July 4, 1741; m. January 15, 1777, Catharine Bemis, who was b. in Spencer, Mass., August 29, 1753, and d. in Sutton, July 22, 1820; he was one of the proprietors of Braintree; d. July 22, 1821; 9 children.

HENRY B., b. June 24, 1784; m. twice, (1) Lucretia Barton, b. in Millbury, Mass., May 9, 1784, and d. May 9, 1818; moved to Braintree in the spring of 1824, and except 4 years lived here till 1837; d. April 3, 1872. Only one of his children has lived in Braintree.

ALEXANDER P., b. November 4, 1811; settled in Braintree in the spring of 1831; m. May 31, 1835, Phebe P. English, whom he survives; children:

- 1, *Lydia T.*, b. March 24, 1836; m. March 31, 1858, Charles R. Granger of Randolph, now lives at West Randolph.
- 2, *Philene E.*, b. July 18, 1838; d. January, 1854.
- 3, *Ellen E.*, b. January 14, 1842; m. July 25, 1866, Hiram S. English; survives him and lives at West Randolph.
- 4, *Edwin P.*, b. March 13, 1846; d. young.
- 5, *Nancy M.*, b. November 10, 1847; d. young.
- 6, *Charles W.*, b. January 5, 1852; m. April 4, 1878, Cora A. Baker of Sycamore, Ill.; since April, 1879, practiced medicine at West Union, Iowa.
- 7, *Henry A.*, b. July 16, 1855; d. young.

## HARWOOD.

SAMUEL HARWOOD, b. Sutton, Mass., in 1743; m. Lydia Kenney of Sutton, who was b. in 1755, and d. May 13, 1831; came to Braintree as early as 1786; d. April 21, 1830; children:

- 1, *Polly*, b. in 1776; m. July 6, 1793, Zion Copeland; d. October 19, 1849.
- 2, *Samuel, Jr.*, b. June 1, 1778; removed to Braintree with his father when about 9 years old; m. January 12, 1802, Elizabeth Bass; d. February 13, 1870; children: 1, Betsey, b. March 5, 1803; m. November 28, 1820, Royal Flint; d. December 3, 1871. 2, Lydia, b. March 5, 1805; m. December 2, 1824, Alfred Webster; d. October 6, 1870. 3, Samuel Bass, b. April 16, 1807; d. December 18, 1845. 4, Jonathan, b. July 16, and d. August 1, 1809. 5, Ira, b. October 25, 1811; m. March 19, 1843, Sarah Bass; children: (1), Samuel Seth Bass, b.

August 8, 1844; d. April 26, 1846. (2), Maryette Elizabeth, b. December 5, 1845; d. December 11, 1861. (3), Sarah Abby, b. August 23, 1850; d. January 2, 1854. (4), Sarah Abby, b. January 13, 1855; d. August 5, 1861. 6, Mary, b. July 8, 1815; m. May 3, 1842, Frederick Whitney. 7, Sarah, b. March 23, 1818; m. February 16, 1848, Jonathan W. Belcher.

3, *Aaron*, m. Abigail Ford, a sister of William Ford; went to New York about 1830; preached the last years of his life. His children went West with him. They were: 1, Abigail, m. Benjamin Ford. 2, Aaron, Jr. 3, Samuel. 4, Benjamin. 5, William. 6, Philander, d. October 16, 1838, aged 16.

4, *Moses*, b. November 13, 1782; m. Hannah Lothrop, who was b. April 28, 1783, and d. June 24, 1837; went to Illinois about 1840; d. August 3, 1845; children: 1, William L., b. April 5, 1814; m. February 28, 1839, Betsey E. Chase; went to Illinois about 1840; d. December 25, 1864; children: (1), Edmund Lothrop, b. November 4, 1839; d. July 26, 1854. (2), Mary E., b. March 20, 1841; d. November 12, 1864. (3), James Madison, b. October 8, 1842; d. July 15, 1863. (4), Hannah E., b. March 3, 1844; d. November 18, 1864. (5), Austin Flagg, b. March 2, 1846. (6), Lewis H., b. October 21, 1847; d. June 23, 1852. (7), Esther J., b. February 4, 1849; d. November 2, 1864. (8), William B., b. July 29, 1855; d. October 31, 1864. (9), Hamilton, b. December 15, 1859; d. May 14, 1879. 2, Mary Elvira, b. June 28, 1816; m. Austin Flagg. 3, John, b. August 30, 1820; d. October 10, 1822. 4, Son, b. and d. April, 1822.

5, *Nathan*, b. June 12, 1790; m. (1) February 5, 1811, Penelope Chaplain of Colchester, who d. January 25, 1833, aged 43; he d. November 23, 1858; children: 1, Mary, b. November 6, 1811; d. July 22, 1815. 2, Adeline, b. July 27, 1813; m. May 10, 1836, Edson Williams of Strafford; d. at Vergennes, February 25, 1839. 3, Mary, b. November 21, 1815; m. September 15, 1833, Rev. Leonard Austin; d. at Montpelier, March 17, 1845. 4, Nathan Alonzo, b. November 18, 1817; d. August 24, 1819. 5, Nathan Alonzo, b. August 18, 1819; m. (1) March 25, 1841, Mary Ann Flint; (2) August 17, 1848, Wealtha Lawrence Moody of Bristol; children: (1), Everett Waldo, b. April 20, 1842; d. April 7, 1847. (2), Carlos, b. November 3, 1844; d. February 6, 1845; by 2d m.: (3), Eva Eldora, b. Bristol, September 8, 1850; m. September 13, 1869, Ira H. Rowell of Randolph, and lives there. (4), Everett Lincoln, b. December 26, 1864. 6, Harriet Minora, b. April 29, 1823; m. August 25, 1845, Oliver H. Rumrill. 7, Laura A., b. June 10, 1825; m. December 6, 1846, Horace A. Thayer; d. October 19, 1860. 8, Stillman C., b. July 1, 1827; m. January 1, 1849, Juliette Moody of Bristol, who was b. December 27, 1824; he d. June 18, 1852; one child, Wilmot C. 9, George W., b. November 29, 1830; d. February 11, 1832. Nathan m. (2) November 17, 1833, Hannah Howard; children: 10, Horace Sherman, b. February 1, 1837; m. May 5, 1859, Jeanette P. Flint; lives now at Cambridge, Mass.; travels. 11, William Henry Harrison, b. October 8, 1840; m. December 18, 1860, Lucinda B. Lyon; children: (1), Etta Lucinda, b. January 15, 1862. (2), Frankie Robert, b. November 6, 1864; d. March 17, 1866. (3), Nellie Blanche, b. September 27, 1866. (4), Daughter, b. June 14, and d. June 17, 1869. (5), Daughter, b. December 1, and d. December 6, 1871. Nathan m. (3) May 20, 1855, Tyla Howard.

6, *John*, d. young.



## HEATH.

EPHRAIM HEATH, b. in Mass.; m. Lucy Courser; moved to Braintree from Salisbury, Mass., in 1818, and built the house in which Henry Dutton now lives, being the first framed house built in that hollow; very little is known of his family; children:

- 1, *Lucy*, m. Benjamin Linfield, Jr.
- 2, *Nehemiah*, m. June 25, 1825, Hannah Bradley; went West about 1834.
- 3, *Ephraim, Jr.*, m. June 27, 1831, Samantha Treat.
- 4, *Mehitable*, m. July 5, 1829, Abel F. Martin; lives in Warren.
- 5, *Moses*, m. Laura Palmer of Lincoln; d. in Moretown,
- 6, *Lyman*, m. Lucastia Billings; lives in Warren.
- 7, *Benjamin*, m. (1) Abigail Taylor of Roxbury; (2) Mrs. Amy Brown of Randolph, and lives in Bethel.

## HILL.

WILLIAM B. HILL, b. 1807; m. December 9, 1830, Julia Ann Gooch; lived on Tromley farm, at Snowsville; d. May 16, 1854; one child, George Cornelius, b. September 12, 1833; served in war, 1861-5.

## HOISINGTON.

AARON HOISINGTON, b. Windsor, July 28, 1832; m. February 22, 1854, Cynthia M. Howard, and settled in Braintree; children:

- 1, *Minot A.*, b. October 3, 1861; d. August 2, 1862.
- 2, *Addie Cynthia*, b. February 19, 1864.
- 3, *Lellie M.*, b. Rochester, October 3, 1870.

## HOLMAN.

SOLOMON HOLMAN, b. in England, was pressed on board a man-of-war; the vessel touched the American coast, and he escaped and settled in Mass.

SOLOMON, son of Solomon, b. at Newburyport, Mass., November 25, 1697; settled in Sutton, Mass.; m. Mary —; d. April 17, 1785.

COL. JONATHAN, son of Solomon, Jr., b. at Sutton, Mass., in 1733; lived in the part of Sutton that is now Millbury; was an officer in the Revolutionary war; he and his brother Daniel were two of the proprietors of Braintree, and Col. Jonathan helped to survey the town and lay out the rights, but never resided in Braintree; d. February 25, 1814.

SOLOMON, son of Col. Jonathan, b. in Millbury (Sutton), Mass., May 24, 1766; m. May 1, 1793, Sally Mann; moved to Braintree; d. November 26, 1862; children:

- 1, *Sally*, b. August 24, 1794; m. June 15, 1815, Amasa Blanchard; d.
- 2, *Lepha*, b. January 14, and d. August 6, 1796.
- 3, *Leonard*, b. July 9, 1797; m. October 28, 1824, Eunice Flint; d. March 12, 1878; children: 1, William Chauncey, b. July 29, 1825; m. March 1, 1854; Hannah R. Ferry; children: (1), Ada Mary, b. September 12, 1855; m. February 27, 1883, Charles F. Flint. (2), William Irwin, b. April 10, 1858; d. June 16, 1870. (3), Alvan Carroll, b. November 17, 1861. 2, Mary Augusta, b. February 6, 1831; m. March 30, 1850, Alvan K. Mann of West Randolph, and lives there.

4, *Olive*, b. April 26, 1799; m. March 17, 1825, Rufus Flint; d. February 8 1864.

5, *Jonathan*, b. December 31, 1804; m. 1841, Hannah Morse of Rochester; children: 1, Marion Waters, b. January 12, 1842; d. February 24, 1848. 2, Ruth Hermoine, b. January 22, 1843; m. August 23, 1863, Chester L. Stewart, M.D., of West Randolph, and resides there. 3, Selden Vespation, b. May 24, 1844; m. November 6, 1872, Mary P. Lamson of Randolph; resides in Boston, Mass. 4, Justin Morrill, b. July 2, 1846; m. July 25, 1876, Emma I. Lamb of West Randolph; now in Alaska. 5, Jennie Marion, b. February 7, 1848; m. December 3, 1879, Adin L. Baldwin; residence, York, Pa.; one child, Charles Harrold, b. November 26, 1882. 6, Selva E., b. November 21, 1849; resides at West Randolph. 7, Mary Augusta, b. June 12, 1851; d. June 12, 1875. 8, Alice Ella, b. March 14, 1854. 9, Lavinia Maria, b. October 26, 1855; lives in York, Pa. 10, Charles Lyman, b. February 29, 1858. 11, Edward, b. November 15, and d. November 29, 1860.

6, *Luther*, b. August 19, 1806; m. March 23, 1837, Rachel Mann of Randolph, and lived there since 1838; d.

7, *Deborah Sibley*, b. September 24, 1808; m. March 29, 1836, John S. Nichols; d. December 27, 1880.

8, *Hannah*, b. October 11, 1810; m. June 8, 1843, Jehiel Huntington; d. September 1, 1870.

9, *Seth Mann*, b. November 11, 1812; m. August 25, 1837, Orra Riford; children: 1, Charles Seth, b. March 16, 1843; m. April 26, 1869, Ada A. Luce of Royalton; passenger conductor; lives at Montague, Mass. 2, Elizabeth Orra, b. July 25, 1844; d. November 26, 1869. 3, Heber Tilden, b. August 15, 1846; m. March 5, 1874, Mary L. Thompson of Waterbury; lives in Randolph. 4, Jehiel Huntington, b. April 27, 1848; an engineer in New Mexico. 5, Martha Jane, b. January 11, 1850; m. December 25, 1871, Carlos B. Edminster of West Lebanon, N. H., who d. May 3, 1873; one child, Carlos Bucklin, b. September 16, 1873. 6, Lydia Elvira, b. July 5, 1852; d. August 29, 1853. 7, Frank Newton, b. May 10, 1853; m. April 19, 1882, Mary E. Wellington of Mechanicsville, N. Y.; practices law at West Randolph. 8, Daughter, b. February 27, and d. February 28, 1855. 9, Alvin Elbridge, b. April 3, 1859.

10, *James B*, b. November 10, 1814; m. May 30, 1848, Philenda Cushman; d. in Randolph, August 28, 1877; children: 1, Earl Judson, b. in Randolph, May 16, and d. December 30, 1851. 2, Clara C., b. in Randolph, November 13, 1853; d. January 4, 1861. 3, J. Morse, b. December 25, 1856; m. October 17, 1877, Lilla H. Wolcott of Strafford, and resides there. 4, Ruth D., b. February 19, 1860.

11, *Elizabeth Brackett*, b. November 12, 1816; m. September 19, 1844, John R. Williams; d. August 24, 1875.

12, *Elijah*, b. July 20, 1820; d.

13, *Ruth*, b. July 17, 1822; d. February 15, 1833.

#### HOWARD.

ABIAL HOWARD, b. in Easton, Mass., May 12, 1771; m. Polly Mann of Randolph, Mass., who was b. March 5, 1770, and d. July 26, 1851; he d. December 25, 1859; children:

1, *Polly*, b. November 2, 1794; m. May 8, 1828, Enos Bolton; d. November 24, 1833, being burned with her dwelling.

2, *Hannah*, b. August 21, 1796; m. November 17, 1833, Nathan Harwood; d. December 27, 1852.

3, *Abial, Jr.*, b. July 5, 1798; went to Massachusetts in 1822; m. (1) in 1825, Esther Hunt of Randolph, Mass., and settled there; m. (2) Sarah M. Warner; d. May 11, 1883.

4, *Jeptha 2d*, b. March 20, 1800; d. 1882.

5, *Sidney*, b. January 22, 1802; lives at West Randolph.

6, *Relief*, b. June 29, 1803; m. Samuel Flint of Randolph; lives at St. Paul, Minn.

7, *Laura*, b. August 16, 1805; m. John Bigelow and lived in Brookfield; d. September 30, 1859.

8, *Orla*, b. June 3, 1807; m. Daniel Claflin of Brookfield, whom she survives.

9, *Ruth*, b. May 24, 1809; m. (1) May 16, 1833, Benjamin O. Mann of Randolph, Mass., and resided there; m. (2) Asa Howard, whom she survives at R.

10, *Tyla*, b. May 10, 1811; m. (1) May 20, 1855, Nathan Harwood; m. (2) John Bigelow, who d.

11, *Emily*, b. May 27, 1815; m. John Mann; d. March 9, 1863.

JEPHTHA HOWARD, brother to Abial, b. in Easton, Mass., April 22, 1780; m. December 1, 1803, Betsey Knapp, b. in Taunton, Mass., April 20, 1778, and d. September 27, 1860; settled in Braintree in September, 1817; d. November 13, 1839; children:

1, *Phebe*, b. September 11, and d. September 18, 1804.

2, *Whitman Howard*, b. in Braintree, Mass., February 26, 1807; came to Braintree about 1813; m. (1) November 29, 1832, Elmira Smith of Randolph, Mass., who d. July 11, 1854; m. (2) September 30, 1861, Sophia Brown of Randolph, he d. January 25, 1882; children: 1, Lucinda E., b. October 4, 1833; m. January 1, 1854, Joseph Partridge; residence, Brookfield. 2, Ruth A., b. May 24, 1836; m. November 14, 1860, Joel A. Whiting; resides in Brookfield. 3, Adelia Augusta, b. March 1, 1840; m. May 16, 1865, George W. Flagg. 4, Almeda O., b. and d. February 7, 1842. 5, Frank W., b. October 12, 1853; m. February 4, 1874, Eva Martin of Randolph; now in Boston.

3, *Betsey Knapp*, b. October 2, 1808; m. November 22, 1852, Zeba Smith of Randolph, Mass., and lives there.

4, *Jeptha, Jr.*, b. April 18, 1810; m. August 27, 1840, Louisa E. Partridge; one child: Elmira.

5, *Lewis Strong*, b. July 15, 1812; m. January 24, 1839, Lusena Partridge; children: 1, Ellen Amanda, b. October 21, 1839; m. October 21, 1862, Isaac W. Linfield. (2), Mary Angelia, b. March 26, 1849; d. September 20, 1861.

6, *Almeda*, b. September 18, 1814; m. January 6, 1842, William W. Woodward of Roxbury, and lived there; d. July 22, 1851.

7, *Cyrus*, b. September 22, 1816; m. March 21, 1841, Hepzibah G. Braley of Northfield, and there resided; d. April 16, 1882.

8, *Daniel*, b. September 1, 1818; m. (1) September 20, 1843, Clarissa Spaulding of Roxbury, who d. January 22, 1865; settled in Randolph; subsequently went to Dodge Center, Minn., and m. (2) July 6, 1866, Elvira Arnold.

9, *Samuel*, b. October 17, 1821; m. (1) May 21, 1850, Mary M. Chandler of Berlin, who d. June 21, 1873; m. (2) December 9, 1873, Mrs. Cornelia A. (Crossett) Gilman of Duxbury; lives at Randolph.

10, *Mary Gurney*, b. September 22, 1825; d. March 29, 1832.

MELETIAH C. HOWARD, b. in Morrisville, July 24, 1808; moved to Braintree in 1829; m. April 19, 1838, Charity Trask, and settled in Rochester, but moved back to Braintree March 15, 1866; d. October 3, 1880; children:

1, *Cynthia M.*, b. February 22, 1839; m. February 22, 1854, Aaron Hoisington; now lives in Rochester.

2, *Horace H.*, b. August 1, 1844; m. December 14, 1863, F. E. Carr of Lebanon, Me., who was b. May 19, 1846; one child: Willis S., b. July 12, 1865.

JAMES R. HOWARD, brother of Meletiah, b. in Morristown, September 30, 1815; m. (1) March 21, 1838, Angeline A. Wells; m. (2) August 2, 1857, Susannah Cleveland; moved to Gilmantown, Wis., about 1867; children:

1, *Jane Anna*, b. March 7, 1839; d. September 1, 1854.

2, *Chester J.*, b. March 21, 1840; d. in the U. S. service at New Orleans, La., July 18, 1862.

3, *Caroline M.*, b. March 4, 1842; m. October 18, 1862, Sayles Hoisington of Rochester, and settled there.

4, *Charles W.*, b. in Bethel, October 30, 1852; m. September 9, 1880, Ella E. Williams of Providence, R. I., and settled at Malden, Mass.

5, by 2d m., *Clarissa A.*, b. April 21, 1859.

6, *John Lincoln*, b. January 4, 1861.

7, *Abram Fremont*, b. May 27, and d. October 5, 1862.

8, *Hattie May*, b. in Roxbury, July 3, 1866.

9, *Chester A.*, b. in Gilmanton, Wis., April 24, 1868.

10, *Jane Emma*, b. in Gilmanton, Wis., June 28, 1870.

#### HUDSON.

LOT HUDSON was b. in Connecticut and moved to Pittsford about 1797, thence to Randolph, and thence to Braintree, about 1810. He went from Braintree as a minute-man to the battle of Plattsburgh, N. Y., holding the rank of captain. Subsequently moving to Brookfield, he d. there about 1834. He married twice, by the first marriage having one child:

1, *James Ogden*, b. Haddam, Conn., November 4, 1794; m. (1) Asenath Hildreth of Roxbury, who was b. March 23, 1797, and d. September 26, 1865; he d. April 12, 1869; children: 1, *Lucena*, b. January, 1819; d. August 7, 1823. 2, *Clarinda P.*, b. November 6, 1821; m. (1) December 9, 1842, Harley Bement of Tunbridge, who d. August, 1854; m. (2) September 29, 1858, Gershom N. Spaulding of Roxbury; moved to Michigan in the fall of 1876; d. April 12, 1881. 3, *Philenda*, d. August 4, 1823, aged 1 year and 3 months. 4, *Jared*, d. August 14, 1824, aged 1 year 7 months. 5, *Lucia*, d. March 28, 1828, aged 2 years 6 months. 6, *Jackson*. 7, *Duane*. 8, *Velora*, m. October 25, 1874, Tyler Wiley of Roxbury and resides there. 9, *Dennison*, b. July 26, 1830; m. November 21, 1855, Catharine Dutton; lived in Braintree quite a long time, then went to Warren, where he now resides; children: (1), *Betsey Asenath*, b. December 4, 1856; d. October 24, 1869. (2), *Dennison D.*, b. February 6, 1858. (3), *William*



O., b. January 28, 1861. (4), Ida M., b. May 28, 1864. James Ogden m. (2) Abiah (Trask) Pratt.

## HUNTINGTON.

REV. ELIJAH HUNTINGTON, b. Mansfield, Conn., August 21, 1763; m. (1) December, 1792, Sally Field of Tunbridge, who d. November, 1794; (2) June 9, 1807, Lydia Parmly; he d. June 24, 1828.

1, *Elijah, Jr.*, b. November 5, 1793; m. in 1824, Susan Gordon of Delaware, O., and settled in Perrysburg, O.; d. July 25, 1854. by 2d m.:

2, *Christopher*, b. March 5, 1802; m. August 9, 1836, Charlotte Tilson; children: 1, Martha Tilson, b. July 19, 1837. 2, *Elijah*, b. October 30, 1839; m. May 1870, Ellen A. Black of Coventry; practiced dentistry at West Randolph; d. April 7, 1877. 3, *Edmund*, b. May 3, 1842; m. January 1, 1869, Carrie Tracy of Johnson. 4, *Susie Melinda*, b. May 1, 1854.

*Son*, b. December 31, 1803; d. January 10, 1804.

4, *Jehiel*, b. June 23, 1805; m. June 8, 1843, Hannah Holman; d. April 3, 1876.

5, *Lydia*, b. April 14, and d. July 2, 1808.

6, *Sally*, b. August 19, 1809; d. September 25, 1851.

7, *Joseph*, b. July 27, 1811; preached in Williamstown; d. April 26, 1843.

, *Lydia*, twin to Joseph, m. April 25, 1839, Jarvis Tilson.

9, *Samuel P.*, b. June 4, 1814; d. November 27, 1840.

10, *Adoniram Judson*, b. July 6, 1818; m. June, 1844, Bettie Graves Christian of Urbana, Va.; Prof. of Languages in Columbian College, Washington, D. C.

11, *Nancy Judson*, b. December 12, 1821; d. August 10, 1843.

## HUTCHINSON.

RICHARD HUTCHINSON, b. in Arnold, England, in 1602; came to America in 1634, and settled at Salem Village, now Danvers, Mass.; was "a man of indomitable perseverance, great vigor of mind and physical endurance;" was strictly religious, and a thorough farmer.

JOSEPH, son of Richard, b. North Muskham, England, in 1633; m. and settled at Salem Village.

BENJAMIN, son of Joseph, b. Salem Village, Mass., and d in 1733.

NATHANIEL, son of Benjamin, b. Salem Village, May 3, 1698; in 1733 moved to Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass.; d. November 19; 1779. From his two sons, Bartholomew and Lot, sprang the Hutchinsons that have lived in Braintree.

BARTHOLOMEW, son of Nathaniel, b. at Sutton, Mass., June 28, 1734; was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary war; was one of the proprietors of Braintree and contributed largely to its settlement, though never a resident; d. in 1820. Of ten children, two lived in Braintree.

NATHANIEL, son of Bartholomew, b. Sutton, Mass., April 13, 1764; moved to Braintree in 1785; m. 1786, Lucy Flint; d. August 3, 1794; children:

1, *Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. April 22, 1787; m. 1808, Nancy Kenney of Barnard, who was b. March 12, 1789, and d. August 24, 1864; he d. March 6, 1872; children: 1, *Eliza Ann*, b. December 14, 1810; m. November 26, 1835, Daniel Cram of Rox

bury; lives in Salisbury, Mo. 2, Son, b. January 9, 18—; d. same day. 3, Alden, b. June 28, 1813; d. March 24, 1814. 4, Sylvander, b. July 14, 1815; m. August 6, 1855, Elizabeth Horton of South Dartmouth, Mass.; bookseller at New Bedford, Mass. 5, John, b. August 30, 1819; m. (1) Elizabeth Lucy Stone of Hartland; lived at Keytesville, Mo.; m. (2) Sarah Ann Stone, sister of Elizabeth; lives at Salisbury, Mo. 6, Azro, b. January 12, and d. January 31, 1823. 7, Harriet Newell, b. October 25, 1824; m. April 6, 1847, Lucius Salisbury of West Randolph, and moved to Keytesville, Mo., and thence to Salisbury.

2, *Lucy*, b. 1790; d. April, 1794.

3, *Infant*, b. and d. 1792.

4, *Infant*, b. and 1794.

JOHN, son of Bartholomew, b. Sutton, Mass., January 18, 1766; m. February, 1792, Lucy Kenney of Sutton, who d. November 2, 1868; moved to Braintree in the fall of 1793; d. May 29, 1845; children:

1, *Rufus*, b. Sutton, Mass., May 9, 1793; m. July 2, 1818, Abigail Brackett; children: 1, John Brackett, b. October 8, 1819; m. October 24, 1849, Lucretia M. Gregory of Plattsburgh, N. Y.; d. April 2, 1867. 2, Charles, b. July 31, 1820; m. May 20, 1845, Jane Velina Randall; since June, 1854, has resided at River Falls, Wis. 3, Rufus, Jr., b. December 31, 1823; m. (1) June 2, 1850, Sarah Partridge; (2) October 4, 1854, Minora A. Loomis; children: (1), Charles Rufus, b. December 29, 1853; m. October 9, 1872, Ella B. Battles; lived at Benton Harbor, Mich.; m. (2) June 4, 1879, Alice L. Stevenson of Cincinnati, O., and lives in Norwalk, O.; children: Anna Sallie, b. in Braintree, December 20, 1880; d. May 9, 1883. Alice Lydia, twin to Anna, d. March 29, 1881. Clarence Richard, b. in Norwalk, O., May 16, 1882. by 2d m.: (2), John Brackett, b. January 16, 1865. (3), Abby Minora, b. July 21, 1868. 4, Minora Antoinette, b. September 16, 1826; m. November 30, 1847, Seth Mann; d. April 10, 1848. 5, Elephal, b. January, 1831; d. September, 1832. 6, George, b. March 6, 1833; m. December 19, 1853, Rosina M. Cram; d. October 3, 1881; children: (1), Mary Inez, b. April 30, 1854; m. September 2, 1874, Joseph S. Carpenter, who was b. in Braintree, March 12, 1851; one child, Clyde Mirrian, b. March 23, 1882. (2), Anna Maria, b. October 7, 1855; m. August 2, 1877, Jonathan E. Tilson; lives in Rutland. (3), George Samuel, b. June 10, 1869. 7, Samuel, b. February 26, 1835; d. February 22, 1863.

2, *Polly*, b. March 24, 1795; m. September, 1814, Nathan Morse of Roxbury; d. in Northfield, July 4, 1845.

3, *James*, b. February 27, 1797; m. (1) November 16, 1820, Sophia Brown of Randolph, and lived there; d. October 2, 1881; children: 1, William, b. January 24, 1823; m. March 3, 1847, Helen M. Fisk of Randolph; resides at Washington, D. C. 2, James, Jr., b. January 1, 1826; m. November 2, 1847, Abby B. Flint; has resided at West Randolph since 1870. 3, Henry, b. October 27, 1827; m. October 3, 1852, Laura M. Parish; since March, 1864, has lived in Randolph, Wis. 4, John, b. March 27, 1830; m. October 1, 1857, Lydia A. Fowler of Yates Co., N. Y.; now in Chicago, Ill. 5, Sophia, b. March 26, 1832; m. January 9, 1854, Harvey Spaulding of Lawrence, Kan., and lives there. 6, Ruth E., b. October 12, 1834; m. 1865, Henry Leis of Lawrence, Kan., whom

she survives. 7, Lyman, b. August 12, 1837; m. November 22, 1859, Pauline M. Read of De Ramsey, P. Q., and lives in Randolph. 8, Edwin, b. November 2, 1840; d. October 26, 1864.

4, *Sally*, b. August 14, 1799; m. December 5, 1823, Ambrose Nichols of Northfield, and lived there; d. May 18, 1853.

5, *Betsey*, b. December 2, 1801; m. June 10, 1836, Warren Harlow of Randolph, and lived there; d. August 4, 1848.

6, *Kelita*, b. March 6, 1804; m. Isaac Allen.

7, *Lucy*, b. February 1, 1806; m. December 29, 1829, Alvin Braley of Roxbury; d. in Northfield.

8, *John, Jr.*, b. March 19, 1808; d. July 26, 1816.

9, *Ruth*, b. May 8, 1813; m. January 5, 1837, Cassius B. Hawes of Randolph, Wis.; lived and d. there.

Lot, son of Nathaniel, b. Sutton, Mass., August 1, 1741; m. Hannah Morse, who d. January 17, 1815; was one of the early settlers of Braintree; d. March 24, 1818; children:

1, *Joanna*, b. Worcester, Mass., June 7, 1768; m. twice, and d. in Brookfield, December 26, 1856.

2, *Hannah*, m. Timothy Jones; d. at South Hadley, Mass.

3, *Aaron*, b. Sutton, Mass., October 1, 1771; moved early to Pembroke, N. Y., thence, in 1815, to Darien, N. Y., where he d. February 12, 1836.

4, *Asa*, b. Sutton, Mass., September 15, 1780; m. March 3, 1808, Christiana Churchill of Chittenden, and settled in Shoreham; afterwards lived some time in Braintree, where his son Aaron was b. September 6, 1816, but nothing more is known of him.

5, *Polly*, m. Josiah Wellington; d. July 11, 1825.

6, *Abiathar*, b. Sutton, Mass., in 1787; moved to Braintree with his parents; m. (1) Susannah Hall; m. (2) July 11, 1821, Polly Gleason; m. (3) Betsey Moses, or Mosier, of Gilmanton, N. H., who d. March 23, 1837; m. (4) March 3, 1842, Mrs. Eunice Curtis, and d. March 17, 1844; children: 1, Armina. 2, Caleb. 3, George. 4, Betsey, all d. young. By 3d m.: 5, Rufus M., b. August 3, 1834, and lives in Calias.

#### HUNT.

SETH HUNT bought his farm where Albert Fitts now lives, January 30, 1799; children:

1, *Sally*, m. September 12, 1809, Levi Spear; d. about 1815.

2, *Rebecca*, m. December 1, 1814, Joshua Pratt.

3, *Seth, Jr.*, m. Charlotte Spear; in 1854 went to Iowa; d. there; children: 1, Relief, b. March 18, 1814; m. March 2, 1832, Curtis Battles, Jr.; d. in the West. 2, Lucinda, b. December 1, 1815; m. twice; now a widow in Iowa. 3, Sally, b. February 18, 1817; m. April 18, 1839, Albert Fitts. 4, William, m. February 18, 1846, Harriet Rano of Hancock; d. in Iowa. 5, Lewis, d. in the West unmarried. 6, Mary Ann, m. Curtis Battles, Jr.; survives him in Iowa. 7, Lyman, m. and resides at Maquoketa, Iowa. 8, George, m. and resides in Minnesota. 9, Betsey, m. William Sumner; lived and d. in the West.

4, *Joseph*, m. --- Cobb.

5, *Charlotte*, b. August 17, 1794; m. December 5, 1816, Levi Spear; d. December 28, 1863.

6, *Polly*, m. William Blanchard; d. September 17, 1867, aged 67.

7, *Levi*, m. December 24, 1820, Lucy Martin; lived at Dubuque, Iowa.

8, *Betsey*, b. September 16, 1805; m. September 12, 1821, Beriah Battles; d. October 1, 1876.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HUNT, b. in Danville, July 26, 1845; m. December 25, 1870, Jane Louisa Cram of Northfield; b. May 27, 1848; one child: Nettie May, b. April 6, 1873.

#### KENDALL.

YOUNG ICHABOD KENDALL, b. in Roxbury, and moved to Braintree about 1859; m. three times, the last time Josephine M. Riford; since March, 1865, has lived in California. Of three children only one has lived in Braintree:

*Theodore Berry*, b. in Rochester, Wis., June 4, 1844; m. November 28, 1865, Lucia Jane Webb; one child: Annie Laurie, b. September 13, 1867.

#### KENNEY.

THOMAS KENNEY, probably from Randolph, Mass., was without doubt a resident of Braintree before 1790. He bought part of lot 94-1 of Silas Flint, May 7, 1792. Several other Kenneys settled in town about the same time, but what relation they were to Thomas it is impossible to say. There is scarcely a record of them.

NAHUM, son of Thomas, d. October 11, 1862, aged 77, and his wife d. August 20, 1865, aged 78.

NATHAN, d. February 7, 1790, aged 39—the first death in Braintree; Mary (Esther) Kenney, d. August 20, 1794.

JOHN HARWOOD KENNEY, d. in 1792.

RUFUS, m. September 13, 1792, Lydia Converse; children (probably):

1, *Charles*, b. July 21, 1793.

2, *Rufus, Jr.*, b. in Rochester, July 26, 1796.

SALLY, m. December 4, 1800, Seth Chase; lived in Randolph.

LYDIA, m. July 26, 1792, Enoch Cleveland; d. May 13, 1831. (?)

JAMES, b. September 21, 1773, and d. February 12, 1838; m. Relief Curtis, b. May 14, 1782, and d. September 11, 1831; came from Randolph, Mass., and lived many years where Lewis S. Howard does; children:

1, *James, Jr.*, b. September 21, 1800; m. May 25, 1823, Mary Linfield; d. July 2, 1859; children: 1, Mary, b. November 13, 1825; m. October 18, 1842, Joseph B. Edwards; five children; settled in Minnesota. 2, Eliza Jane, b. June 17, 1826; m. May 17, 1849, Samuel B. F. Abbott. 3, Edmund, b. July 25, 1828; m. January 1, 1853, Mary Morrison of Derby; three children. 4, Mehitable Elmira, b. July 5, 1838; d. aged about 18. 5, William M., b. August 22, 1841; m. Martha Previer; resides at Montpelier. 6, Lodosca R., b. May 5, 1844; m. January 1, 1867, Darius Hatch; resides in Brookfield.

2, *John*, b. December 30, 1802; d. December 30, 1839.

3, *Ala*, b. April 22, 1805; m. September 30, 1832, Harriet Dod.

4, *Edmund*, b. May 15, 1807; m. December 2, 1830, Esther Chase; d. December 1, 1837.



5, *Otis*, b. September 15, 1809; d. December 6, 1810.

6, *Alden*, b. October 9, 1811; m. April 7, 1872, Catherine Nichols.

7, *William Henry Harrison*, b. October 30, 1813; m. February 17, 1835, Henrietta Dod.

8, *Relief*, b. February 9, 1816; m. October 27, 1836, John L. Chatfield.

9, *Otis*, b. July 30, 1819; m. April 29, 1840, Irene Spear.

10, *Lucinda*, b. November 2, 1822; d. September 5, 1823.

11, *Harriet M.*, b. September 10, 1825; m. April 15, 1841, James M. Willis; resides in South Braintree, Mass.

ANDREW J. KENNEY, m. and lived in town; d. in the army; children: *Nelson*; *Levy*; *Julia*, m. October 28, 1880, Charles E. Otis of Concord, N. H.; *Franklin B.*, b. February 18, 1859.

SEYMOUR FLINT KENNEY, b. June 16, 1812; m. December 1, 1831, Huldah H. Cleverly.

MARINDA KENNEY, m. February 18, 1834, John M. Coburn.

LYMAN KENNEY, m. February 23, 1847, Belinda Spear.

SEREPTA KENNEY, m. December 25, 1834, Lewis Battles of Brookfield.

#### KIDDER.

JOHN KIDDER, b. July 5, 1749; m. Sarah Dodge, who was b. March 12, 1750, and d. September 11, 1823; moved from Sutton, Mass., to Braintree in 1792; d. March 15, 1825. Of eleven children: *John, Jr.*, *Rufus*, *William*, *Tyler*, *Selvey*, *Polly* and *Chloe* married and settled in the State of New York; *Nabby*, m. March 10, 1800, Daniel Parish of Randolph; *Betsey*, d. December 18, 1815, aged 23; the others lived in Braintree.

1, *Sally*, m. January 19, 1796, Daniel Waite; d.

2, *Lyman*, b. in Sutton, Mass., May 29, 1774; m. 1799, Ruth Nichols, who was b. November 16, 1776, and d. September 16, 1842; he d. March 28, 1841; children: 1, *Cynthia*, b. November 4, 1799; m. March 31, 1819, Harry Stewart; settled in Smithfield, N. Y.; d. October 6, 1827. 2, *Sally*, b. June 27, 1801; m. November 20, 1822, Augustus Harlow of Randolph, where she lived; d. December 27, 1872, surviving her husband. 3, *Lyman, Jr.*, b. September 20, 1803; m. March 17, 1831, Harriet A. B. Bass; moved soon after to Darien Center, N. Y., and thence to Star Prairie, Wis., where he d. July 21, 1878. 4, *Ira*, b. December 24, 1804; m. January 14, 1834, Susannah Huntington; d. January 27, 1851; no children. 5, *Betsey*, b. April 22, 1809; m. October 6, 1825, Warren G. Munn of Aden, N. Y., where she survives him. 6, *Emily*, b. March 20, 1811; m. March 17, 1831, Jonathan B. Bass; lived in Cowlesville, N. Y., and d. there March 10, 1843. 7, *Jefferson Parish*, b. June 4, 1814; m. February 26, 1838, Mary Ann Stockwell of Cornwall, who d. September 29, 1880; moved West in 1858; children: (1), *Marion Josephine*, b. December 5, 1839; m. Dana White; lived and d. at St. Paul, Minn. (2), *Lyman S.*, b. September 29, 1842; killed by the Indians at Beaver Creek, Kan., July 2, 1868. (3), *Silas W.*, b. October 24, 1847; m. Ada Campbell, and resides at Vermillion, Dakota; has been a member of the Legislative Council of Dakota, and for several years clerk of the District Court. (4), *Jefferson Parish, Jr.*, b. May 15, 1856; d. aged two and one-half years. 8, *Abigail A.*, b.

May 25, 1816; m. August 19, 1838, Theodore W. Nichols; lives in Dover, Ill. 9, Lucy M., b. April 27, 1820; d. August 20, 1823.

## KILLAM.

BENJAMIN KILLAM, m. March 8, 1818, Mrs. Amelia (Kemp) Cram; children:

1, *Benj. Franklin*, b. May 17, 1819; m. Sally Pratt, who d. about 1839; now lives in Brattleboro; children: 1, Joseph B., b. July 10, 1831; lives in Granville. 2, Lucy Ann, b. March 18, 1834; m. July 19, 1853, Francis F. Flint. 3, Alonzo, b. September 13, 1837; killed at the battle of Richmond, Va.

2, *Lucy*, d. unmarried.

## LAMB.

AMOS LAMB, b. June 2, 1775; m. (1) December 18, 1794, Sally Spear; (2) Eunice Spear; d. March 5, 1862; children:

1, *Samuel*, b. February 14, 1796; m. (1) December 5, 1816, Rhoda Spear; m. (2) September 16, 1824, Polly Spear; d. August 16, 1868; children: 1, Son, b. and d. May 14, 1818. 2, Joel, b. February 29, 1820; d. September 25, 1822. 3, by 2d m., Daughter, b. and d. May 27, 1826. 4, Mary Elizabeth, b. January 6, 1828; m. November 29, 1853; Earl S. Cushman. 5, Nelson, b. August 8, 1830; d. October 11, 1831. 6, Samuel Irvin, b. September 6, 1832; m. (1) May 2, 1855, Amelia A. Hobart of Randolph; m. (2) September 10, 1856, Adelia A. Hobart of Randolph; lived in Wisconsin, and San Francisco, Cal.; d. in Braintree, June 27, 1866. 7, Orison, b. November 3, 1834; d. July 11, 1835. 8, Rhoda Marinda, b. October 5, 1836; d. May 3, 1841. 9, Lois Amanda, b. July 2, 1839; m. November 7, 1859, Martin W. Lamb of Granville; lives in San Francisco, Cal. 10, Edwin Foster, b. May 3, 1843; m. March 28, 1865, Ellen M. Rumrill; lives at Mt. Morris, Mich.

2, *Sally*, b. March 25, 1799; d. aged about 18 years.

3, *Leaphy*, b. August, 1801; d. young.

## LANE.

HENRY HARRISON LANE, b. New York state, June 11, 1854; settled in Braintree about 1863; m. February 11, 1880, Addie N. Marsh of Bethel; one child, Bertha E., b. March 4, 1881. His mother, Mrs. Charles Laskey, and three brothers, William, Adelbert and Julian R. D., live in Braintree.

## LAPORT.

NICHOLAS LAPORT, b. Newark, N. J., May 10, 1800; m. February 19, 1824, Polly Claflin, who was b. in Hancock, January 25, 1805; moved to Braintree in 1842; d. February 9, 1863; children:

1, *Mary Ellen*, b. Brookfield, December 20, 1824; m. 1845, William Jewett of Hancock; lives in Rochester.

2, *Dennison*, b. Brookfield, July 12, 1826; d. March 27, 1827.

3, *Orra Ladoscu*, b. September 30, 1830; m. March 3, 1851, Joshua N. Piper of Manchester, N. H.; lives in Albany, N. H.

4, *Marcus Daniel*, b. May 2, 1832; m. January, 18, 1853, Mary Elizabeth Stevens of Kennebunk, Me.; one child: 1, Ella Ladora, b. August 6, 1854; m. June, 1874, Charles Fullam of Brookfield, and lives there.

5, *Julius Dennison*, b. October 23, 1837; m. (1) August 30, 1868, Alethea W.

Lawrence, of Lawrence, Mass.: m. (2) February 5, 1879, Ellen A. Gour, who d. July 6, 1881.

6, *Annette Craig*, b. November 28, 1840; m. January 1, 1864, Alden E. Ingalls of Hancock, and lives in Bethel.

### LINFIELD.

BENJAMIN LINFIELD, son of David and Hannah (Vinton) Linfield, b. in Braintree, now Randolph, Mass., January 27, 1771; his mother "was a noted midwife, and served in that capacity (if her account may be credited), at the birth of 1,808 children;" m. Mehitable French; came to Braintree in —; d. in Randolph, November 16, 1831; children:

1, *Mehitable*, b. Braintree, Mass.; never m.; d. September 26, 1821.

2, *Benjamin, Jr.*, b. Braintree, Mass., April 21, 1791; m. September 18, 1825, Lucy, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Heath of Vershire, b. May 4, 1802, and d. March 27, 1852; resides in Moretown; children: 1, Mehitable, b. August 24, 1826; m. September 2, 1849, Rufus Barnard of Moretown, and resides there. 2, Mary, b. November 5, 1828; m. February 26, 1855, William M. Pervier; resides in Northfield. 3, Eliza Jane, b. in Randolph, November 2, 1832; m. May 10, 1857, George Rice; resides in Moretown. 4, Martha Olivia, b. in Randolph, July 2, 1845; residence, Moretown.

3, *Appleton*, b. July 16, 1799; m. March 25, 1824, Sally Nichols; d. December 24, 1875; children: 1, Mehitable Clarinda, b. April 6, 1825; m. (1) Thomas Hubbard Adams of Brookfield, who d.; lived in Brookfield; m. (2) Samuel Paine of West Randolph, and resides there. 2, Hannah Emeline, b. January 21, 1828; m. December 2, 1847, Jonathan F. Sumner; d. January 14, 1882. 3, Sarah Elizabeth, b. September 27, 1830; m. March 9, 1854, Daniel Flint. 4, Marion N., b. August 13, 1833; d. July 28, 1866. 5, Isaac Wales, b. June 1, 1836; m. October 21, 1862, Ellen A. Howard; children: (1), Mary Ellen, b. November 1, 1863. (2), Isaac Wales, Jr., b. July 7, 1865. 6, Son, b. and d. January 25, 1839. 7, Martin Luther, b. September 12, 1841; d. July 23, 1842. 8, Martin Luther White, b. April 20, 1845; m. July 4, 1870, Melissa M. Richardson of Roxbury; children: (1), Nellie Florence, b. April 22, 1871. (2), Etta Ann, b. October 17, 1872. (3), Sarah Rebecca, b. March 5, 1875. 9, Adna A., b. July 15, 1848; d. April 7, 1849.

4, *Martin*, d. December 29, 1833.

5, *Mary*, twin to Martin, m. James Kenney, Jr.; d. at West Brookfield.

### LOOMIS.

DANIEL LOOMIS, b. in Roxbury, December 25, 1805; m. (1) Arvilla Fuller; m. (2) March, 1849, Irena Kendall of Roxbury; moved to Braintree about 1831, and in 1856 went to Wisconsin; children;

1, *Dennison Loomis*, b. in Roxbury, July 17, 1828; d. aged 5 years.

2, *Sarah Ann*, b. in Roxbury, February 4, 1830; m. July 28, 1881, Dr. Larkin T. Turner of Boston, Mass., and lives there.

3, *Caroline Aldura*, b. May 31, 1832; m. November 10, 1853, Anson B. Ferry; lives in Brookfield.

4, *Minora Arvilla*, b. July 3, 1834; m. October 4, 1854, Rufus Hutchinson, Jr.

5, *Stillman Daniel*, b. September 24, 1836; m. (1) March 21, 1860, Ellen A. Flint; m. (2) December 4, 1876, Ellen Lyon of Randolph; lives in Northfield; children: 1, Mabel Ellen, b. March 27, 1862. 2, Lawrence Herbert, b. August 15, 1863. 3, Clarence Hobart, twin to Herbert. 4, Durward, b. April 26, 1865. 5, Daughter, b. May 10, and d. October 15, 1867.

6, *Emily Maria*, b. September 18, 1839; m. George W. Churchill of Quincy, Mass., and lives in West Randolph.

7, *Susan Sophia*, b. December 25, 1842; m. (1) October 9, 1860, Avery L. Flint; m. (2) June 19, 1878, Hugh Thresher of Northfield, and lives there.

8, *Philenda Lamson*, b. January 6, 1846; m. March 24, 1868, Clarence M. Bass. 9, by 2d m., *Sherburn*, 10, *Ella*, both live in the West.

JONAH LOOMIS, b. February 10, 1802; d. June 17, 1876; m. (1) ——— Munsell; m. (2) Phebe Blanchard, who d. November 3, 1850; m. (3) Laura Davis of Reading; children:

1, *Jonah, Jr.*, d. May 6, 1854, aged 14 years.

2, by 3d m., Infant Son, d. December 5, 1853.

3, *Jonah Galusha*, b. June 5, 1854.

4, *Laura Adelle*, b. 1856; m. Clayton Fisk of Brookfield, and lives there.

5, *Lilian V.*, b. August 5, 1862; d. March 23, 1867.

6, *Melvina Anna*, b. October, 1864.

#### LOTHROP.

ISAAC LOTHROP, b. 1787; m. April 9, 1815, Mrs. Matilda (Fuller) Mann; d. April 28, 1853; children:

1, *Isaac Allen*, b. April 5, 1817; m. (1) Mrs. Lucy Stewart of Albany, N. Y., who d. August 1, 1872; m. (2) January 1, 1873, Mrs. Louise (Spear) Flagg, and lives in Montpelier; children: 1, Matilda, d. young. 2, Sarah Isabella, b. May 23, 1842; m. January 24, 1858, A. Kimball McIntyre. 3, Eleanor Matilda, b. June 28, 1854; m. September 18, 1875, Mark Chadwick of West Randolph, and lives there.

2, *Sarah Bailey*, b. March 24, 1820; m. (1) July 4, 1837, Azel Lyman, who was b. December 8, 1811, and d. September 25, 1841; m. (2) Dr. Israel Hinckley of Corinth, and lived in Thetford; m. (3) January 9, 1862, Dr. Reuben Goodall of Watertown, N. Y., and lived there; m. (4) Meletiah Willis, and lives in Prairie du Sac, Wis.; children: 1, Dana L., d. June 1, 1841, aged 2 years, 6 months and 16 days. 2, Azeline S., b. March 11, 1842; d. September 12, 1872.

#### LUCE.

STEPHEN LUCE, son of David, b. November 16, 1809; his father moved to Braintree about 1808-10; when Stephen was about two years old, his father went to the State of New York on business and never returned; his fate was never known. Stephen m. May 13, 1827, Sophia Withington, who was b. November 16, 1809; he d. August 1, 1882; children:

1, *Ira*, b. September 4, 1829; m. (1) November 24, 1851, Jane Mullen of Wisconsin, who was b. August 27, 1829, and d. September 4, 1864; m. (2) Eva Clark and lives in Bay Co., Mich.

2, *Samuel Ward*, b. May 13, 1831; d. August 29, 1832.



3, *Abigail Olivia*, b. September 18, 1832; m. July 4, 1852, Milan Nary of Randolph, and lived in Northfield; d. January 30, 1855.

4, *John Adams*, b. April 16, 1834; m. June 7, 1861, Mary J. Thurston; killed by the cars at West Randolph, July 4, 1864; children: 1, Willie Stephen, b. January 31, 1862. 2, Jennie, b. 1864.

5, *Francis Richardson*, b. August 31, 1835; m. Mrs. Mary J. (Thurston) Luce, and lives in Canaan.

6, *Roxana Almira*, b. April 13, 1837; m. (1) May 22, 1855, Milan Nary; m. (2) April 29, 1858, George B. Whitney; m. (3) Amos Aldrich of Brandon; m. (4) Chester Vurdenburg of Lincoln, and lives there.

7, *William*, b. December 13, 1839; m. Martha Ann Luce of Tunbridge, and lives there.

8, *Joseph*, b. February 20, 1841; d. October 29, 1855.

9, *Albert Spear*, b. February 17, 1843; m. July 31, 1867, Harriet Rabtoy, formerly of Elmore; d. May 19, 1878; children: 1, Johnny, b. May 26, 1868. 2, Henry, b. November 22, 1869. 3, Minnie, b. July 10, 1871. 4, Bertie, b. August 21, 1873. 5, Charles Dana, b. March 16, 1875.

10, *Lymna Pierce*, b. April 5, 1845; m. April 2, 1871, Ella Bruce; children: 1, Wallace Edgar, b. August 24, 1872. 2, Lottie Jennie, b. February 28, 1875. 3, Hattie Nellie, b. October 7, 1877. 4, Eda Lillia, b. May 11, 1880.

11, *Hiram*, b. December 17, 1846; m. July 31, 1867, Sophia Rabtoy, formerly of Elmore; children: 1, Hiram Dana, b. February 26, 1869. 2, Ernest, b. January 26, 1875.

12, *Emeline Cordelia*, b. August 25, 1848; m. (1) October 14, 1872, Aaron Rattee, formerly of Canada; m. (2) Carlos Vial of Michigan, and lives there.

## LYON.

ROBERT LYON moved to Stockbridge from Connecticut, early in the settlement of that town. Two of his children have resided in Braintree:

1, *Chester*, b. May 25, 1772; moved to Braintree in the fall of 1801; m. Thirza Poola of Brooklyn, Conn., who d. October 18, 1843, aged 71; he d. March 17, 1812; children: 1, Chester, Jr., b. Mayfield, Conn., October 15, 1796; drowned at Whitehall, N. Y., May, 1812. 2, Nancy, b. in Mayfield, March 16, 1798. d. aged 14. 3, Maria, b. Hampton, Conn., April 13, 1800; m. (1) February 1, 1821, Jabez Smith; m. (2) September 2, 1847, Augustus Flint; d. January 18, 1883. 4, William, b. in Braintree, January 11, 1802; m. January 7, 1825, Betsey Mann; lived in Brookfield; d. February 23, 1854. 5, Amasa, b. October 17, 1803; m. Polly Barnes of Stockbridge; lived and d. there. 6, Hannah, b. December 24, 1804; m. December 2, 1824, Isaac Nichols, 2d; d. September 22, 1872. 7, Saloma, b. August 18, 1807; m. January 10, 1830, Rodney Jones of Middlesex, where she lived and d. 8, Robert, b. April 29, 1809; lived with his uncle Alvin after two years of age; m. (1) January, 1833, Mary B. Bass; (2) December 2, 1841, Lucinda Bass, who d. July 13, 1843; (3) March 17, 1844, Mrs. Abigail (Bass) Parish; d. October 3, 1859; by 1st m.: (1), Sarah B., b. 1835; d. October 23, 1857. (2), Emeroy F., b. August 31, 1836; d. August 22, 1837. (3), Emeroy Jane, b. August 15, —; m. May 7, 1861, Osman W. Church of Jericho; survives her husband at Remington, Ind.; by 2d m.: (4), Lucinda Bass, m. December 18, 1860, W. H.

Harrison Harwood; by 3d m.: (5), Mary B., b. August 26, 1845; m. September 3, 1867, Myron Arms of Randolph, Wis., whom she survives. (6), Parish B., b. July 23, 1851; m. March 16, 1875, Nellie Mergem of Remington, Ind.; merchant. 9, Mary Ann, b. in the fall of 1811; m. — Rogers; lived and d. in Stockbridge.

2, *Alvin*, b. November 26, 1777; m. (1) January 20, 1807, Philena, daughter of John French of Stockbridge, formerly from Mass.; she d. March 8, 1820, aged 43; m. (2) February 11, 1821, Sarah E., sister to first wife, who was b. July 10, 1785, and d. October 19, 1873; he d. February 16, 1848. No children of his own, but he made a home for five: 1, Maria S. Fay, a niece, b. May 20, 1804; adopted when 4 years old; m. December 1, 1824, Thomas A. Vance; resided, after 1850, at Lempster and Manchester, N. H.; d. May 2, 1874. 2, Isaac F. Barry, nephew to Alvin's second wife, Sarah. 3, Robert Lyon, a nephew. 4, Lucinda Austin, sister of Leonard Austin, b. July 21, 1817; adopted when 8 years old; went West and m. there. 5, Harvey Lyon Vinton, son of Samuel Vinton; adopted at 3 years of age.

#### MANN.

JOB MANN, b. in Randolph, Mass., March 26, 1769; moved to Braintree about 1792; m. April 16, 1794, Matilda Fuller; d. February 27, 1832; children:

1, *Relepha*, b. August 31, 1795; d. February 26, 1815.

2, *Matilda*, b. April 3, 1797; m. (1) September 29, 1814, Benjamin H. Wariner, formerly of Conn.; lived in Braintree a few years, then moved to Steuben Co., Penn.; m. (2) Ebenezer Littlefield of Easton, Mass.; d. in Pennsylvania about December, 1855; have six children living in Pennsylvania.

3, *Aseneth*, b. February 14, 1800; m. December 4, 1821, Ebenezer Littlefield; d. April 4, 1847.

4, *Job*, Jr., b. December 17, 1801; d. August 9, 1806.

5, *Jehiel*, b. September 12, 1803; d. May 14, 1806.

6, *Betsey*, b. February 1, 1805; m. (1) January 7, 1825, William Lyon; m. (2) David Wellington; d. April 28, 1878.

7, *Philenda*, b. April 5, 1807; d. August 21, 1821.

8, *Job*, Jr., b. January 7, 1809; d. February 27, 1832.

9, *Ira*, b. July 23, 1811; m. (1) December 3, 1833, Polly Morse of Roxbury, who d. April 12, 1851; m. (2) November 9, 1851, Mrs. Harriet K. (Spear) Thayer; children: 1, Mary Juliette, b. December 28, 1834; m. March 4, 1858, Francis Wright of Northfield, and lives there. 2, Ira Nathan, b. May 21, 1838; d. May 5, 1841. 3, Alma Georgiana, b. July 13, 1841; m. December 15, 1860, Irving Claflin of Brookfield, who d. September, 1872; lived in Brookfield; she d. August 20, 1881. 4, Lucy Helen, b. September 10, 1845; m. September 28, 1863, Ira O. Thayer; lives in Roxbury; have three children. 5, Minora Adelia, b. August 13, 1848; m. March 14, 1869, David B. Adams; lives in Northfield. 6, Daughter, b. April, 1851; lived a few days. 7, by 2d m., Ira, Jr., b. February 11, 1853; d. April 11, 1855. 8, Ella Virginia, b. March 2, 1855; m. March 17, 1881, Wilmouth M. Terry of Bethel; one child: Will Orman, b. January 27, 1882. 9, Flora Marion, b. August 14, 1858.

SETH MANN, half brother to Job, b. in Randolph, Mass., December 3, 1747; m. (1) Mary Hayward, who d. December 17, 1776, aged 28 years; m. (2) Deborah

Dyer, probably of Braintree, Mass., who d. December 20, 1845, aged 90 years; bought a farm in Braintree, October 30, 1792, and moved here about that time; d. July 20, 1822; children:

1, *Polly*, b. in Braintree, Mass., March 5, 1770; m. Abial Howard; d. July 26, 1851.

2, *Relief*, b. May 3, 1772; m. Jacob Miles of Randolph, Mass., lived and d. there; had four children.

3, *Sally*, b. January 23, 1778; m. May 1, 1793, Solomon Holman; d. May 11, 1855.

4, *Ruth*, b. July 27, 1779; m. John Kidder, and lived in Alexander, N. Y.; d. there early, leaving three sons: Earl, Hosea and Sidney.

5, *Seth*, Jr., b. April 4, 1781; m. (1) December 28, 1806, Betsey Mann, a cousin, who was born February 17, 1783, and d. March 31, 1814; m. (2) Polly Mann, sister to Betsey, who was b. March 25, 1795, and d. May 26, 1882; lived in Randolph, Mass., and d. there.

6, *Samuel*, b. February 16, 1783; m. in 1806, Rachel Mann, a cousin, of Braintree, Mass.; lived at Randolph, Mass.

7, *Micah*, b. June 21, 1785; m. March 9, 1809, Sarah Bass; resided in Brookfield and Randolph; d. August 29, 1849.

8, *Tryphena*, b. September 13, 1787; m. (1) April 4, 1805, Jacob Bailey; m. (2) April 9, 1829, Squire Claflin of Brookfield; d. September 26, 1870.

9, *Levi*, b. May 21, 1789; m. Mary Mann of Randolph, Mass., who d. March 13, 1848; lived in Randolph; d. March 18, 1829.

10, *Joel*, b. May 28, 1791; m. Louisa Mann, who was b. May 11, 1798; lived just over the town line in Randolph; d. April, 1865; children: 1, Benjamin, b. January 31, 1817; lived about a year. 2, Joel, Jr., b. December 18, 1818; his mother resides with him at Gilmantown, Wis., where he runs a flour mill. 3, Louisa, b. March 1, 1820; m. Harrison Amidown, and resides at Dover, Wis. 4, Marshall, b. August 12, 1822; m. September 19, 1849, Sarah Ainsworth; lives on the old homestead; children: (1), Eugene, b. April 22, 1850; m. November 1, 1876, Orra Peavey; resides with his father; one child: Rupert Gerald, b. November 9, 1877. (2), Clayton, b. September 16, 1851; m. December 10, 1881, Frances R. Thayer. (3), Hattie, b. November 16, 1859. 5, Elvira P., b. July 8, 1824; m. Isaac Parish. 6, Rosanna, b. May 24, 1827; m. Chauncey J. Leathers, who is dead; d. February 8, 1883. 7, Hannah H., b. August 19, 1829; m. June 29, 1854, William Bass, Jr.; resides at West Randolph. 8, Deborah Dyer, b. June 1, 1832; m. April 18, 1858, Seth M. H. Flint; resides at West Randolph. 9, Charles B., b. July 26, 1834; m. Alice Densmore of Northfield; one child: Lucian Benjamin, b. November 4, 1862. 10, Emory, b. November 28, 1837; d. young. 11, Ellen M., b. July 14, 1839; m. Warren Kenyon, and resides in Gilmantown, Wis.

11, *Stephen*, b. in this town, June 20, 1793; m. (1) Eliphal Brackett; (2) Elizabeth Brackett; now in Windsor.

12, *Elisha*, b. October 4, 1795; m. Ruth Smith of Randolph, Mass., who was b. May 13, 1801; he d. March 16, 1835; children: 1, Elisha, Jr., b. August 16, 1818; m. May 5, 1840, Mary Ann Partridge; settled in Wisconsin; d. January 3, 1854. 2, Seth, b. February 4, 1820; m. (1) November 30, 1847, Minora A.

Hutchinson; m. (2) October 18, 1849, Minora A. Tower of Randolph, Mass.; resides at Freeport, Ill. 3, Judson, b. December 12, 1821; d. August 25, 1827. 4, Hosea, b. January 17, 1824; m. August 30, 1859, Mary Sophia Fitts; now resides at Sioux City, Iowa; 6 children. 5, Stillman, b. October 30, 1825; m. (1) September 20, 1855, Sarah S. Hubbard of Pittsford, who d. October 4, 1865; had a son and a daughter, both dead; m. (2) A. Louise Dunham; children: Ray Ernest, b. 1870. Jay Dunham, b. 1872. Gilbert H., b. 1874. 6, Judson, b. October 11, 1828; d. February 2, 1829. 7, Jason, twin to Judson; unmarried; went to Kansas. 8, Almira Lucinda, b. April 22, 1834; m. L. R. Caswell; resides at Evanston, Ill.

13, *Olive*, b. January 10, 1799; lived about three months.

14, *Betsey*, twin to Olive, m. June 3, 1819, Henry Smith; d. in San Francisco, Cal., leaving nine children.

NOTE.—For a complete genealogy of the Mann family, address George S. Mann, 432 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass., who is about to publish a work on the same.

### MARSH.

JAMES MARSH, b. May 20, 1789; moved from Athol, Mass., to Braintree, in 1813; m. June 13, 1813, Abigail Richardson, who was b. at Fitzwilliam, N. H., November 3, 1795, and d. December 16, 1850; he d. August 27, 1870; children:

1, *James, Jr.*, b. May 20, 1814; m. June 14, 1835, Eunice Trask; one child: Abigail, b. March 31, 1839; m. March 27, 1856, Edgar H. Dutton.

2, *Loren*, b. September 13, 1816; m. October 13, 1844, Hannah Maria Lesure; children: 1, Melissa Maria, b. June 24, 1846; m. April 17, 1864, George W. Richardson. 2, Edgar Loren, b. January 10, 1854; d. August 14, 1877. 3, *Celia Mabel*, b. March 21, 1859; m. April 29, 1880, J. Densmore Battles.

3, *Abigail*, b. March 13, 1818; d. October 24, 1821.

### MARTIN.

ABEL FENTON MARTIN, m. Lucy, sister of Amos Neff; subsequently went West and married again; children were all born in Braintree:

1, *Lucy*, b. December 10, 1800; m. December 24, 1820, Levi Hunt; lived in Dubuque, Iowa; d. there, March, 1881.

2, *Abigail*, b. October 22, 1802; m. March 17, 1824, Ammi Nichols, 2d; d. November 20, 1853.

3, *Elisha*, m. Betsey Flint, and lives in Conn.

4, *Fenton*, b. March 31, 1805; d. young.

5, *Zacheus E.*, b. March 29, 1807.

6, *Sally*, b. June 28, 1809; went West young; m. ——— Smith.

7, *William Schuyler*, b. May 26, 1811; m. Laura Ross; lived and d. in Ohio.

8, *Abel Fenton*, b. November 6, 1815; m. July 5, 1829, Mehitable Heath; about 1840-1 moved to Ticonderoga, N. Y., and thence to Warren, where he now resides; two of his children have lived in Braintree: 1, Lucy Ann, b. March 9, 1830; m. S. Wilson Sumner; d. March 11, 1865. 2, Emeline, b. September 14, 1832; m. January 1, 1849, Benjamin L. Sumner.



JESSE WINSLOW MARTIN, b. Randolph, February 3, 1832; m. November 29, 1854, Louisa B. Fales of West Randolph; moved to Braintree in 1863; children:

- 1, *Ida Edith*, b. January 20, 1856; d. May 11, 1859.
- 2, *Emma Alice*, b. May 11, 1858; d. February 27, 1860.
- 3, *Ida Emma*, b. March 9, 1861; m. 1876, Eugene M. Wardner of Roxbury; lives at West Randolph.
- 4, *Minnie Edna*, b. October 6, 1863; m. November 26, 1881, George I. Ford.
- 5, *Jessie Eliza*, b. August 1, 1870; d. March 29, 1872.
- 6, *Edwin Fales*, b. August 31, 1872.

BURNAP A. MARTIN, b. in Rochester, October 2, 1835; m. March 14, 1857, Mrs. Juliett (Moody) Harwood; children:

- 1, *Florence Addie*, b. in Rochester, December 1, 1858; d. June 30, 1883.
- 2, *Lilian Burett*, b. in Rochester, July 30, 1861; d. October 11, 1878.
- 3, *Katie Bell*, b. Rochester, June 28, 1863.
- 4, *Minnie May*, b. Rochester, May 3, 1865; m. May, 1882, Edson Holbrook of Bethel, and lives there. 1, Daughter, b. March 9, 1884.
- 5, *Lora Eliza*, b. in Randolph, July 9, 1867; d. October 16, 1878.
- 6, *Gertie Juliett*, b. July 3, 1870; d. November 6, 1878.

#### MAUN.

EDWARD MAUN, b. in the county of Limerick, Ireland, March, 1830; came to America in 1851; m. September 11, 1853, Johanna Tobin of Lawrence, Mass., who was b. in the county of Cork, Ireland; moved to Braintree in 1855; children:

- 1, *John Edward*, b. June 28, 1855; now in Texas.
- 2, *Johanna*, b. January 15, 1858.

#### McINTYRE.

NATHANIEL McINTYRE, son of John, m. Sally Curtis, who survived him; children:

- 1, *Lucinda Kenney*, b. January 21, 1825; m. December 14, 1844, William Blanchard, Jr.
- 2, *Betsey*, m. Quincy Grant of Roxbury; resides in Minnesota.
- 3, *John Curtis*, b. September 30, 1829; m. November 19, 1854, Julia Benton.
- 4, *Prudence*, b. October 11, 1836; m. (1) May 22, 1851, William R. Dame of Reading, Mass.; one of her children lives in town, Edgar Wallace Dame, b. June 21, 1855; m. (2) September 9, 1875, Charles Thurston, and resides at West Randolph.
- 5, *Harriet*, d. aged about 21 years.

REUBEN McINTYRE, brother to Nathaniel, m. Sally (Curtis) McIntyre; now living somewhere in Vermont; children (probably): 1, Charles, m. (1) Sophrona Davenport; m. (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Dumas; resides in Granville.

- 2, *Henry*, d. aged about 3 years.
- 3, *Mary*, m. Edgar Parker of Granville.

LEVI McINTYRE, brother to Reuben, also lived in Braintree.

ASA KIMBALL MCINTYRE, son of Levi, b. in Francistown, N. H., May 11 1835; m. January 24, 1858, Sarah Isabella Lothrop; one child: Nellie Belle, b. July 13, 1860; m. December 25, 1877, Henry H. Fullam of Brookfield.

#### MONTGOMERY.

JOHN MONTGOMERY, b. November 10, 1812; moved from Manchester, N. H., to Braintree about 1824; m. December 4, 1834, Mrs. Charlotte (Ellis) Fellows, formerly of Tunbridge; d. October 10, 1874; children:

1, *Judson Menander*, b. January 26, 1836; m. July, 1858, Eliza P. Quimby of Fayston, who d. September 6, 1862; d. in the U. S. Service at Algiers, La., June 12, 1862; one child: Judson Milton, b. January 26, 1861.

2, *Munroe Jefferson*, b. February 21, 1837; m. October 5, 1861, Mary Latham, formerly of Berlin; children: 1, George Andrew, b. August 20, 1862. 2, Charles Munroe, b. January 19, 1865. 3, Edwin Latham, b. June 13, 1868. 4, Lura Lottie, b. September 19, 1874. 5, Nellie, b. May 19, and d. September 10, 1878.

3, *Justin Myron*, b. February 21, 1839; d. in the U. S. Service at Philadelphia (Pa.) Hospital, June 26, 1864.

4, *Lydia Jerusha Malona*, b. November 3, 1842; d. January 11, 1858.

5, *Mason Josiah*, b. August 4, 1846; m. 1883, Arvilla Prentiss of Braintree.

6, *Julius Morrison*, b. February 22, 1849; m. July 4, 1878, Minnie C. Flint; one child: Elmer Merton, b. September 25, 1881.

7, *Joel Merton*, b. September 26, 1852; d. March 6, 1853.

8, *Joel Merton*, b. November 18, 1856; d. October 28, 1874.

#### NEFF.

JOSEPH NEFF came to Braintree quite early, probably from Connecticut; m. Abigail Cables of Hartford, Conn., who long survived him, and m. (2) William Bass. She was b. January 2, 1780, and d. November 20, 1878; children:

1, *Eunice*, m. (1) February 10, 1825, John Battles; m. (2) January 31, 1869, Joseph Gould; d. November 18, 1876.

2, *Lewis*, d. of Yellow Fever (so called) just before he was to be married.

3, *Ziba*, d. young of Measles.

4, *Patience*, b. February 24, 1805; m. September 5, 1824, Elijah Flint; d. at West Randolph, 1881.

AMOS NEFF lived where Jonathan F. Sumner does. In Randolph is recorded the birth of Amos Neff, son of Thomas and Eunice, July 17, 1781; children: *Ammi*, *Alviva*, *Philura*.

WYMAN NEFF, b. November 10, 1800; his parents came from Mansfield, Conn., to Bethel about 1790; m. February 19, 1829, Lucinda C. Sargent, b. July 14, 1809; settled on lot 7-3; children:

1, *A. Sargent*, b. January 31, 1830; d. in 1879.

2, *Susan S.*, b. May 24, 1834; m. November 30, 1854, Charles Burrridge.

3, *Thomas R.*, b. June 6, 1836; resides in Bethel.

4, *Augusta F.*, b. January 4, 1839; d. in 1855.

5, *Mary L.*, b. December 17, 1845; d. in 1846.

6, *Ebenezer C.*, b. January 20, 1847; m. November 28, 1872, E. E. McIntosh of Randolph; one child: Emma Jane, b. August 9, 1873; d. November 26, 1878.

7, *Lizzie M.*, b. November 17, 1852; m. Allen A. Spooner and resides at West Randolph.

## NEVENS.

ALFRED NEVENS came from Haverhill, N. H., where he m. Cynthia Morse about 1828; went to Kalamazoo, Mich.; children:

1, *Cynthia Octavia*, b. in Haverhill, October 31, 1820.

2, *Alfred Milton*, b. in Haverhill, July 3, 1822.

3, *John Morse*, b. April 26, 1826.

4, *Jacob Newton*, b. December 18, 1827.

5, *Miriam*. 6, *Sarah*.

## NICHOLS.

ISAAC NICHOLS, b. in Sutton, Mass., May 24, 1737; m. April 20, 1758, Dorcas Sibley of Sutton, who was b. July 18, 1736, and d. May 9, 1841, aged nearly 105 years; settled in Braintree, October, 1787; d. January 6, 1822; children:

1, *Samson*, b. in Sutton, Mass., April 26, 1759; m. (1) Susanna Gleason, who was b. April 6, 1759, and d. July 11, 1826; m. (2) December 7, 1826, Abigail Ford; moved to Braintree about 1787; d. April 23, 1829; children: 1, Dorcas, b. in Woburn, Mass., October 22, 1786; m. October 19, 1807, Joel Brown, and settled in Brookfield; d. in Northfield. 2, David, b. March 10, 1788; m. January 3, 1811, Polly Winslow; moved to Brookfield about 1830; d. September 4, 1869; children: (1), Maria, b. July 3, 1813; m. March 5, 1739, Calvin P. Bliss of Royalton; d. May 11, 1881. (2), Dorcas, b. February 21, 1816; m. December 30, 1839, Amplias French, and lives in Stockbridge. (3), Mary, b. January 24, 1819; m. January 1, 1841, Porter Young; now resides at Wilmot, N. H. (4), Susan Eliza, b. July 24, 1824; m. April 11, 1843, William Shaw, whom she survives at Randolph. (5), Harriet Lorena, b. November 2, 1829; m. November 23, 1858, Charles C. Bartlett; now living in Hinsdale, N. H. 3, John, b. January 24, 1791; d. February 9, 1811. 4, Son, b. April 21, 1792; d. young. 5, Isaac, b. May 3, 1793; m. (1) Susan Hobart of Randolph, b. March 4, 1796, and d. November 15, 1865; lived in Randolph; m. (2) November, 1866, Mrs. Mary K. Bigelow of Brookfield; d. August 5, 1881. 6, Dolly, b. December 17, 1794; d. December 26, 1795. 7, Daniel, b. September 20, 1796; m. Ruth Rood of Williamstown, where he lived awhile, then moved to Worcester and d. there. 8, Son, b. March 31, 1800; d. young.

2, *John*, b. in Sutton, Mass., October 21, 1761; went to Franconia, N. H., and m. there; killed by the explosion of a blast.

3, *Sarah*, b. in Sutton, Mass., March 30, 1764; m. Simeon Stockwell of Royalston, Mass., where she lived and died.

4, *Isaac, Jr.*, first male child born in Royalston, Mass., b. November 6, 1766; m. December 19, 1793, Hannah White; d. August 24, 1856; children: 1, George Washington, b. April 29, 1795; m. March 21, 1819, Deborah Hobart of Randolph; for many years has lived in River Falls, Wis.; children: (1), Caroline Esborn, b. March 10, 1821; m. L. Richardson, and lives in Berlin, Wis. (2), George Hobart, b. April 18, 1823; m. (1) Benjamin Edgerton of Randolph; m. (2) Sarah Cadwell of Montpelier; was bugler in the late war; resides at Prescott, Wis.

(3), Joseph Warren, b. December 24, 1825; d. at Braintree, Mass., aged 25. (4), Martha Jane, b. September 22, 1828; m. Alexander Creelman, whom she survives at Minneapolis, Minn. (5), Mary Deborah, b. June 16, 1831; m. John Cushing of Braintree, Mass., and resides at Clayton, Minn. (6), Harriet Ann Judson, b. October 1, 1833-4; m. Josephus Shaw of Braintree, Mass., and lives there. (7), Sarah Rebecca, b. March 22, 1836; m. P. H. Terrill of South Weymouth, Mass., where she resides. (8), Isaac Newton, b. May 1, 1838; orderly sergeant, killed at the battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862. (9), William Henry, b. February 27, 1842; served five years in the War of the Rebellion; m. Emma Flint, and resides at River Falls, Wis. (10), Emma White, b. March 6, 1843; m. W. P. Knowles of River Falls, Wis., and lives there. 2, Betsey, b. April 7, 1797; lives at West Randolph. 3, Olive, b. April 18, 1799; m. June 17, 1828, Gilman Vose; d. in Geneva, Wis., April 7, 1862. 4, Rebecca, b. December 8, 1801; m. (1) June 26, 1827, Abner Nichols, Jr.; m. (2) Thomas Wilbur of Randolph, who d. March 30, 1866; lives at West Randolph. 5, Sally, b. November 25, 1804; m. March 25, 1824, Appleton Linfield; d. June 2, 1861.

5, *Abner*, b. February 9, 1769; m. (1) January 26, 1792, Molly Nichols, daughter of William, who was brother to Isaac, b. March 23, 1763, and d. February 20, 1823; lived in Brookfield several years before his death—December 16, 1854; children: 1, Polly, b. May 20, 1793; m. April 5, 1821, Nathaniel Flint; resides at South Royalston, Mass. 2, Abner, Jr., b. July 22, 1794; m. (1) March 26, 1822, Anna Watson of Williamstown, who was b. December 12, 1799, and d. September 26, 1823; m. (2) June 26, 1827, Rebecca Nichols; he d. June 12, 1834; children: (1), Caroline, b. and d. December 7, 1822. (2), Anna Watson, b. September 26, and d. October 15, 1823. (3), by 2d m., George Arnold, b. November 24, 1830; d. February 12, 1856. (3), George Edwin, b. October 2, 1832; d. November 12, 1834. 3, William, b. February 20, 1796; m. May 4, 1825, Betsey White; d. December 23, 1874; children: (1), Henry, b. and d. June 2, 1826. (2), Elizabeth, b. and d. October 14, 1827. (3), William Henry, b. December 23, 1829; m. August 13, 1856, Ann Eliza Bates of Salisbury, who was b. April 9, 1838; children: Henry Herbert, b. September 30, 1857; a merchant in the city of Mexico. William Bates, b. December 4, 1859; m. (1) June 25, 1881, Mattie E. Demmon of Waterbury, who d. August 6, 1882; one child: Mattie Josephine, b. June 22, 1882; m. (2) Emma Hiembach of Duluth, Minn.; residence, ———, Dak. Edward Hatch, b. May 19, 1871. Anna Green, b. June 5, 1876. 4, Sally, b. October 5, and d. November 13, 1797. 5, Ammi, 2d, b. April 17, 1800; m. (1) March 17, 1824, Abigail Martin; m. (2) Elizabeth Whitney of Warren; d. January 26, 1863; children: (1), Chauncey, b. June 24, 1820; d. July 3, 1825. (2), Truman, b. June 26, 1840. 6, Isaac, b. September 24, 1801; m. December 2, 1824, Hannah Lyon; farmer; children: (1), Norman, b. June 24, 1830; d. March 29, 1831. (2), Norman, b. August 22, 1832; m. September 11, 1861, Hannah T. Brigham of Strafford, who was b. September 21, 1836; for several years has lived at West Randolph; railroad bridge builder; children: Jeannette Eliza, b. July 17, 1862. Charles Henry, b. July 12, 1864. Martha Ann, b. April 28, 1867. Mary Ann, b. April 28, 1869; d. February 27, 1875. Ruth Morrill, b. September 15, 1871. Hannah Lyon, b. March 18, and d. March 22, 1873. 7,



Naomi, b. February 2, 1811; m. Alba Sherman of Royalston, Mass., and resides there.

6, *Caleb*, b. December 7, and d. December 23, 1771.

7, *Caleb*, b. May 5, 1773; m. Polly Curtis; d. January 31, 1828; one child (adopted): Caleb Nichols Grow, son of Edward Grow of Tunbridge, b. June 27, 1808; m. January 26, 1830, Content Cushman; one child: Emeline Cushman (Grow), b. December 24, 1830; d. July 20, 1874.

8, *Reuben*, b. June 17, 1775; m. August 20, 1799, Hannah Clark of Randolph; moved to Ohio about 1804; thence to Indiana and d. there.

9, *Dorcas*, b. September 5, and d. September 9, 1779.

10, *Ammi*, b. in Royalston, Mass., August 10, 1781; m. October 15, 1807, Eunice Bill; d. August 24, 1873, aged 92 years; children: 1, Ammi Menander, b. February 5, 1809; m. (1) Lucy Ann Curtis of Charlestown, Ohio, who d. July 17, 1877, aged 66 years; lived in Charlestown and Northfield, Minn.; m. (2) Mrs. Melissa H. Childs, daughter of Rev. James Hobart of Berlin; since 1880 has resided in Wenham, Mass. 2, John Sibley, b. March 24, 1811; m. March 29, 1836, Deborah S. Holman; children: (1), Eunice, b. January 29, and d. February 17, 1839. (2), Ruth Sibley, b. January 7, 1841; m. August 2, 1865, Rev. Edward P. Wild of Brookfield, and resides at Newport. (3), Ann Holman, b. April 25, 1844; m. June 21, 1870, Harmon J. Rood of Brookfield, and resides there. (4), Miriam Mann, b. July 18, 1845; d. March 24, 1874. 3, Joseph French, b. March 16, 1813; m. June 3, 1835, Lydia Pratt; in May, 1846, moved to Dover, Ill., afterwards to River Falls, Wis., where he d. August 9, 1881; children: (1), Infant, still born. (2), Joseph Edwin, d. December 3, 1840, aged 3½ years and 7 months. (3), Theodore, b. January, 1839. (4), Elmira, b. January 6, 1841. (5), Eunice, b. September, 1843; d. August, 1844. 4, Theodore Weld, b. April 14, 1815; m. August 19, 1838, Abigail A. Kidder; settled at Dover, Ill., still resides there. 5, Samuel Newell, b. April 8, 1817; m. May, 1838, Amanda W. Fisk, formerly of Conn.; moved in May, 1846, to Dover, Ill., and d. there August 8; children: (1), Ellen Amanda, b. February 17, 1839. (2), Asa Burton, b. July, 1841. (3), Charles Paine, b. October 9, 1846. 6, Chauncey Langdon, b. August 10, 1819; d. February 18, 1820. 7, Ziba Bass, b. June 13, 1821; m. March 20, 1844, Emily Porter, formerly of Williamstown; settled in Dover, Ill., now a physician in Salem, Oregon.

BENJAMIN, m. Lucy Fitts; children:

1, *Phebe*.

2, *Ruth*, b. November 16, 1775; m. Lyman Kidder; d. September 16, 1842.

3, *Lucy*.

4, *Keziah*, m. ——— Pratt; resided in Oswegatchie, N. Y.

5, *Sarah*.

6, *Thomas*.

7, *Benjamin*, Jr., whose descendants live in Indiana.

#### PACKARD.

HARVEY PACKARD, b. Bethel, January 8, 1823; m. September 16, 1844, Laura Susan Jackson, who was b. in Troy, N. H., February 25, 1825; moved to Braintree in November, 1846; wheelwright; children:

1, *Elizabeth Laura*, b. Randolph, January 22, 1846; m. (1) December 24, 1870, Edward David Smith; m. (2) October 1, 1878, George Leavitt of Tunbridge, and resides there.

2, *Fred. Harvey*, b. August 19, 1855; m. August 15, 1877, Julia Anna Bass; children: 1, Fred. Ernest, b. Barre, December 13, 1877. 2, Anna Lucile, b. August 19, 1879. 3, William Noah, b. March 29, 1881. 4, George Amos, b. December 28, 1882.

3, *Jennie Lois*, b. November 22, 1857.

#### PAGE.

DANIEL VARNEY PAGE, b. Lincoln, January 10, 1828; moved to Braintree in March, 1850; m. May 16, 1852, Mary Williams.

RUSSEL GEORGE PAGE, brother to Daniel, b. Lincoln, August 11, 1848; came to Braintree, January 1, 1854; m. December 31, 1874, Philura Bass; lives in Burlington.

#### PAINE.

STORRS PRESCOTT PAINE, b. in Cabot, November 18, 1820; m. October 15, 1854, Laurinda A. Vance; came to Braintree in 1846; blacksmith; since February, 1872, has lived in Randolph; one child: Thomas Rockwell, b. September 22, 1857.

EDWARD S. PAINE, brother to Storrs, b. April 16, 1832; m. February 12, 1861, Adaline Flint; children:

- 1, *Flora A.*, b. September 10, 1864.
- 2, *Nellie Brunton*, b. September 1, 1873.
- 3, *Daughter*, twin to Nellie, d. September 1, 1873.
- 4, *Adah Madaline*, b. November 1, 1875.
- 5, *Alice Adaline*, twin to Adah.

#### PARMLY.

JAHIAL PARMLY, b. in Conn.; m. November, 1764, Eunice, daughter of Joshua Hendee and Elizabeth (Wheelock) Hendee. The latter was sister to Eleazer Wheelock, the founder and first president of Dartmouth College. Jahial removed to Vermont from Newtown, Conn., about 1780, and to Braintree about 1795; d. July 14, 1804. Eunice was b. May 31, 1744, and d. September 20, 1823; children:

- 1, *Eleazer*, b. in Conn.; m. September 7, 1786, Hannah Spear; removed, in 1816, to Painesville, O.; children: 1, David, b. December 27, 1788; d. October 10, 1856. 2, Levi Spear, b. August 29, 1790; d. July 8, 1859. 3, Hannah, b. April 18, 1792; resides at Painesville, O. 4, Betsey, b. December 5, 1794; d. June 17, 1826. 5, Eleazer, Jr., b. March 13, 1797; d. December 13, 1874; only three of eight children, all born in New York City, are now living: (1), Dr. Ehrich Parnly, b. April 10, 1830; residence, New York City. (2), Mary (Mrs. Charles Ward of New York City), b. December 24, 1831. (3), Julia (Mrs. Frederick Billings of Woodstock), b. December 8, 1835. 6, Jahial, b. July 14, 1799; d. May 23, —. 7, Eunice, b. August 1, 1801; resides at Painesville, O. 8,

Polly, b. January 12, 1805; d. October 14, 1847. 9, Samuel, b. September 5, 1806; d. December 15, 1880.

2, *Abigail*, m. Henry Blodgett of Randolph, and resided there.

3, *Mary*, m. Joseph Butts.

4, *Annis*, m. (1) May 31, 1792, Joseph Story; m. (2) October 25, 1827, John Sessions.

5, *Elizabeth*, b. October 6, 1774; m. 1791, William Ford; d. May 24, 1864.

6, *Wheelock*, d. in 1780.

7, *Lydia*, b. Newtown, Conn.; m. June 9, 1801, Rev. Elijah Huntington; d.

8, *Jahial*, Jr., lived many years at Savannah, Ga.

9, *Randolph*, first child born in Randolph; b. January 15, 1783; m. Elizabeth B. Murray; moved to New Jersey in 1830; d. in Randolph, October 10, 1864.

### PARTRIDGE.

REUBEN PARTRIDGE, b. Medway, Mass.; m. Molly Hill of Wrentham, Mass.; moved to Braintree in —; d. Only three of eight children lived in Braintree:

1, *Lucretia*, b. 1776; m. January 23, 1793, Ebenezer White; d. August 23, 1827.

2, *David*, b. Keene, N. H., August 15, 1780; m. April 7, 1806, Polly Riford; d. January 21, 1865; children: 1, Sylvander, b. March 14, 1807; m. May 20, 1836, Amanda P. Wilcox of Dorchester, Mass., whom he survives; has lived much of the time in Minnesota; one child: Ellen Louise, b. September, 1840; m. about 1863, William W. Wilcox of Missouri, and lives in West Somerville, Mass. 2, Elmira, b. August 20, 1808; d. September 10, 1809. 3, Polly, b. June 23, 1810; d. unmarried, November 26, 1881. 4, Vernon David Barron, b. April 3, 1812; m. January 11, 1843, Lavina R. Pratt. 5, Lusena, b. May 2, 1814; m. January 24, 1839, Lewis S. Howard; d. January 17, 1875. 6, Louisa Elmira, b. December 2, 1816; m. August 27, 1840, Jephtha Howard, Jr. 7, Rachel Melinda, b. November 27, 1818; m. December, 1842, Winthrop Sargent; lives in Randolph. 8, Sarah, b. May 29, 1821; m. June 2, 1850, Rufus Hutchinson, Jr.; d. January 17, 1854. 9, Joseph, b. June 23, 1826; m. January 1, 1854, Lucinda E. Howard; d. July 14, 1874.

3, *Samuel*, b. January, 1791; m. February 1, 1821, Mary Bass; d. July 1, 1859; children: 1, Mary Ann, b. October 20, 1821; m. Elisha Mann, Jr.; lives in Wisconsin. 2, Edward Martin, b. June 11, 1824; m. twice and lives in Pomfret. 3, Edwin Orlando, m. Mary (?) Whitney; lived at St. Paul, Minn., and d. about 1880, dropping dead on the street. 4, Emeline, m. Augustus Harlow of Pomfret; lived and d. there.

### PEAVEY.

JOHN UPHAM PEAVEY, b. Deerfield, N. H., March 26, 1797; m. (1) Nancy Thurstin, who d. March 7, 1864; m. (2) October 14, 1866, Mrs. Hannah (Waterman) Hunt, who was b. February 26, 1806; has lived in Braintree about 8 years. Only one of his children lives here:

*Joseph Bradford*, b. Norwich, May 20, 1824; m. October 2, 1847, Sarah Ann Wallace of Norwich; moved to Braintree in March, 1882. One of his children

lives in Braintree: Orra Carrie, b. November 20, 1854; m. November 1, 1876, Eugene Mann.

### POWERS.

HEMAN ALLEN POWERS, b. East Montpelier, June 23, 1826; m. March 20, 1850, Sarah J. Shortt of E. Montpelier, who was b. September 9, 1830; moved to Braintree in the spring of 1868; children:

1, *Laura Isabelle*, b. Milford, Mass., August 9, 1852; m. Howard Gilbert of Randolph; lived in Chicago, Ill; d. August 25, 1882.

2, *Betty Maria*, b. Marshfield, June 11, 1855; m. February 2, 1876, Charles B. Ford of Randolph; now lives in Idaho Territory.

3, *Edwin Francis*, b. December, 1862; d. aged about 3 years.

4, *Sarah*, b. October, 1863; d. aged 11 months.

5, *Sadie Deantha*, b. April 28, 1865; m. August 9, 1882, Munroe J. Bruce, formerly of Roxbury. One child, Son, b. May 6, 1883.

6, *Alice Lillian*, b. January 3, 1869.

7, *Elsie Shortt*, b. July 23, 1871.

8, *Heman Earl*, b. June 29, 1875.

### PRATT.

MATTHEW PRATT, b. in Braintree, Mass., January 19, 1764; m. (1) March 21, 1784, Mary Niles, who was b. July 7, 1765, and d. February 24, 1803; m. (2) October 9, 1803, Elizabeth Brown, who was b. in Oakham, Mass., September 16, 1768, and d. November 19, 1817; m. (3) April 9, 1818, Mrs. Polly Burrage; moved to Braintree in 1785; d. June 26, 1819; children:

1, *Polly*, b. in Braintree, Mass., November 10, 1784; m.

2, *Ruth*, b. May 12, 1786; m.

3, *Samuel*, b. February 1, 1788: m. March 26, 1809, Lydia Claflin of Hancock, who d. February 24, 1848, aged 58; he d. April 28, 1857; children: 1, Infant, b. August 6, 1809; d. next day. 2, Samuel, Jr., b. August 7, 1810; d. February 26, 1811. 3, Sally, b. January 15, 1812; m. Benjamin Franklin Killman; d. 4, Lydia, b. December 10, 1813; d. May 3, 1825. 5, Anna, b. April 2, 1815; m. May 31, 1837, Willard Edson of Randolph; subsequently moved to Wisconsin, and d. there. 6, Harriet Newell, b. February 16, 1818; m. D. Azro A. B. Coburn of Brookfield, who was killed by a grizzly bear in California, December 3, 1852, aged 30; lived in Lowell and Haverhill, Mass.; d. in Randolph, August 26, 1879. 7, George, b. February 20, 1820; m. January 12, 1843, Zeruah S. Flint; children: (1), Sarah Matilda, b. October 6, 1844; m. January 12, 1863, George Tarbell. (2), George Lester, b. September 22, 1847; d. January 19, 1864. 8, Norman, b. June 16, 1822; d. May 3, 1848. 9 and 10, Twins, b. September 24, 1824; lived 24 hours. 11, Matilda, d. October, 1827, aged 4 months 9 days. 12, James Jackson, b. December 15, 1829; m. (1) June 22, 1853, Lucy A. Carpenter of Randolph, who d. January 10, 1856; m. (2) July 16, 1857, Serepta B. Herrick of Randolph; children: (1), Viola Marcella, b. June 22, 1854; m. March 28, 1876, Henry Cleveland. (2), by 2d m., Mary Lucy, b. July 10, 1862; d. September 3, 1863. (3), Charles Herrick, b. November 2, 1863. 13, Joseph Warren, b. November 9, 1831; m. Lydia O. Nichols of Roxbury; now resides in Calais.



4, *Joshua*, b. January 21, 1790; m. December 1, 1814, Rebecca Hunt; d.

5, *Sally*, b. January 22, 1793; m. March 24, 1812, Jehiel Ford; d. March 11, 1842.

6, *Phebe*, b. May 13, 1795; m.

7, *Isaac*, b. September 29, 1797; m. (1) November 15, 1818, Jerusha Stedman; d. August 19, 1871; m. (2) August 9, 1829, Ruby Whiting; children: 1, John, b. February 19, 1820; m. May 16, 1852, Mary Maxham of Middlesex; children: (1), John Dana, b. May 29, 1854; d. November 8, 1866. (2), Delia Mary, twin to David, d. August 2, 1861. (3), Addie Maria, b. January 25, 1856. 2, Jefferson, b. July 28, 1822; m. November 25, 1852, Maria S. Maxham of Middlesex; children: (1), Emma Clarinda, b. June 9, 1856. (2), Rolla William, b. June 3, 1865; d. October 24, 1877. (3), Arthur Dana, b. August 25, 1868. 3, Judson, b. April 26, 1830; d. March 25, 1835. 4, Mary Niles, b. March 31, 1832; d. March 27, 1835. 5, Martha Billings, b. March 27, 1833; d. April 5, 1835. 6, Ellen Lavina, b. October 10, 1835; m. December 23, 1868, Norman Goodale of Woodstock, whom she survives. 7, Carlos Bass, b. September 29, 1838; m. January 1, 1867, Lucina S. Fitts; lives at West Randolph. 8, Mary Olivia, b. November 5, 1841; m. May 30, 1866, Otis Riford. 9, Birney Isaac, b. July 28, 1844; m. November 30, 1869, Clemie R. Bass; lives at West Randolph.

8, *Enoch*, b. October 13, 1799; m. (1) Abiah Trask; m. (2) September 10, 1873, Deborah (Parker) McAllister; d. September 21, 1881; children: 1, Hiram, b. June 22, 1819; d. aged 3 years. 2, Maria M., b. November 20, 1822; m. November 2, 1848, Samuel L. Young of Weymouth, Mass., and resides there. 3, Hiram J., b. April 10, 1825; m. in 1845, Elmira P. Riford; settled in Warren. 4, Daughter, b. April 16, 1827; lived about two weeks. 5, Jackson James, b. March 9, 1829; m. (1) Emma Gleason of Warren, and settled there; m. (2) a lady of Warren where he resides. 6, Lucretia Thayer Coolidge, b. May 15, 1831; m. Elisha Goodspeed of Warren; settled there. 7, Evaline M., b. July 17, 1833; m. Augustus Haywood of Bridgewater, Mass.; resides at Brooklyn, N. Y. 8, Martha Minora, b. September 4, 1835; m. Charles A. Badger of West Randolph; now in Ft. Scott, Kansas. 9, Almon Morris, b. May 23, 1839; m. April 20, 1863, Orett Thurston; children: (1), Lilla F. Pratt, b. July 31, 1864; d. August 5, 1867. (2), Harry Almon, b. February 2, 1877. (3), Ina May, b. March 23, 1879. 10, Betsey Lanora Roxana, b. March 16, 1842; m. (1) April 26, 1863, Sylvester Thurston; m. (2) November 6, 1875, Melvin Watson.

9, *Relief*, b. February 8, 1802; d. April 1, 1803.

10, by 2d m., *Elizabeth*, b. September 19, 1804; m. June 10, 1828, Almon Morris; lives in Northfield, Minn.

11, *Matthew*, Jr., b. December 5, 1806; m. (1) October 21, 1832, Orra Claflin of West Brookfield, who d. March 6, 1841, aged 32 years; m. (2) December 12, 1841, Hannah Ford; children: 1, Jason Matthew, b. July 30, 1839; m. February 11, 1860, Katie Keef of Chicago, Ill.; resides in Gilmanton, Wis. 2, by 2d m. Hannah, b. January 20, 1845, adopted by John Waite; now lives in Gilmanton, Wis.

12, *James Brown*, b. April 19, 1809; m. Minerva Bradley; d.

SAMUEL PRATT, only child of Jesse, b. in Braintree, Mass., in 1770; m. in 1795, Persis Hayden; moved to this town in 1812, and settled on Quaker Hill, near the rocking rock; d. in 1830; Persis d. at River Falls, Wis., 1867; children, all born in Massachusetts, except the two youngest:

1, *Zebah Hayden*, b. December 18, 1798; m. Mehitabel Faxon of Hartford, and settled in Jericho; now dead.

2, *John Tileston*, b. November 23, 1800; m. Sarah Smith of Hartford; resided in Waterbury and Eden till 1854, when he removed to River Falls, Wis.. d. there in 1877.

3, *Samuel, Jr.*, b. March 6, 1802; m. September 18, 1821, Anna White; lived in Waterbury, and Weymouth, Mass., whence he moved to River Falls, Wis., in 1854, and d. there in 1879.

4, *Jerusha*, b. February 24, 1803, in Braintree, Mass.; m. April 6, 1830, Jeremiah Flint; resided in Waterbury and Eden; about 1845, removed to River Falls, Wis.. where she d. in 1872.

5, *Asaph*, b. March 28, 1806; m. Hermione Clark, adopted daughter of Rev. Ammi Nichols; resided at Dover, Ill.; in 1854, removed thence to River Falls, Wis., and about 1874 returned to Dover and still resides there.

6, *Persis Hayden*, b. August 18, 1808; m. December 1, 1825, Ariel Kellogg of Brookfield; resided at Waterbury several years, then went to Dover, Ill., where she d. in 1880; Ariel now resides at Princeton, Ill.

7, *Lydia*, b. December 18, 1810; m. June 3, 1835, Joseph F. Nichols; removed in 1846 to Dover, Ill., and thence in 1854 to River Falls, Wis., where she survives her husband.

8, *George Washington*, b. April 3, 1812; m. in 1857, Sophia A. White of River Falls, Wis., and resides there.

9, *Sarah*, b. August 3, 1814; d. young.

10, *Joanna*, b. March 18, 1816; d. young.

JOEL PRATT, b. in Massachusetts; it is thought he came from Dorchester; settled in Braintree, 1795-8; m. (1) — Tucker (?); m. (2) — Sampson, by whom he had two children, Calvin and Hosea; went West about 1845 and d. there; four children by 1st m.:

1, *Joel, Jr.*, b. December 21, 1799; m. (1) Betsey Spear, who d. February 9, 1836; m. (2) January 3, 1837, Eunice Bolton; d. January 22, 1841; children: 1 Betsey, b. February 2, 1823; m. Austin Blair (Ex-Gov. of Michigan); d. many years ago. 2, Mary Ann Sabra, b. July 28, 1824; m. — Griswold of Michigan; d long since at Lock Berlin, N. Y. 3, Theresa, b. August 3, 1826; m. — Doty; d. in Rutland, May 24, 1851. 4, Joel, 3d, b. November 9, 1828; d. in Detroit, Mich. 5, Myron Jefferson, b. March 1, 1831; m. — Currier of East Canaan, N. H.; resides in Concord, N. H. 6, George Washington, b. January 27, 1833; m. Ann Chadwick of Randolph; d. in 1858. 7, Huletta Jane, b. February 14, 1835. 8, Elbridge Gerry, b. July 5, 1837; m. September 24, 1868, —; lives in Randolph. 9, Eunice, b. May 25, 1838; d. in Rochester, April 1, 1865. 10, Ira Kidder, b. February 4, 1840; d. October 26, 1853.

2, *Jeremiah*, m. January 9, 1823, Sabia Spear; for a time was a Methodist minister.

- 3, *Elbridge Gerry*, settled in Mt. Clement, Mich.
- 4, *Mary Ann*, m. August 12, 1824, Jacob Sherman of Randolph, Mass.; committed suicide.

## RANDALL.

CALVIN RANDALL, son of Thomas and Mary (Drake) Randall, b. in Easton, Mass., October 22, 1805; went to Braintree, in 1819, to live with Jacob Bailey till 21 years of age; m. July 17, 1826, Deborah Bailey; lived in Braintree about 30 years, then moved to River Falls, Wis., where he now resides; children:

- 1, *Mary Deborah*, b. February 17, 1827; m. Abner Morse of Bethel, who d. June 19, 1881; lives in River Falls, Wis.
- 2, *Velina Jane*, b. December 5, 1828; m. May 20, 1845, Charles Hutchinson; lived since 1854 at River Falls, Wis.; d. September 12, 1863.
- 3, *Minora Rosina*, b. February 2, 1831; m. (1) October 31, 1849, Heman A. Bass, and lived after 1856 at River Falls, Wis.; m. (2) A. T. Gage, formerly of Chicago, Ill.; resides at Ellsworth, Wis.
- 4, *Calvin Orson*, b. March 28, 1834; m. December 31, 1857, Juliett M. Craig, whom he survives; m. again and lives in Missouri.
- 5, *Eugene Oscar*, b. September 18, 1836; d. December 17, 1865.
- 6, *Francelia M.*, b. March 13, 1843; m. James Wilson; d. February 17, 1862.

GILES RANDALL, half brother to Calvin, lived in Braintree a number of years; was deacon of the Congregational Church; but he did not like farming, and returned to Massachusetts, where he has since died.

GURDON RANDALL, b. in New London, Conn., and came to Braintree when nine years old. His father, Greenfield Randall, lived in Braintree a few years, then moved to northern New York, where he lived and died. His mother, whose maiden name was Randall, was sister to Patty, wife of William Flint. Greenfield Randall had other children who lived for a time in Braintree:—*Sorenzo*, *Polly*, *Rachel*, *Elbathere* and *Louisa*; but all except Gurdon went to northern New York with their father, and never after resided here. Gurdon married Laura S., daughter of Luther Warner; he lived in Braintree till 1832, then moved to Northfield and died there in 1861, aged 66 years; children:

- 1, *Gurdon P.*, for the past 25 years a leading architect at Chicago, Ill.
- 2, *Francis V.*, who practiced law many years at Northfield and Montpelier, and was Colonel of the 13th and 17th Regiments Vt. Vols. during the rebellion; now a farmer in Brookfield.
- 3, *Laura T.*, m. S. M. Hildreth of Roxbury, d. in 1863.
- 4, *Jean J. R.*, architect and civil engineer at Rutland, and prominently identified with the subject of popular education.
- 5, *Maria M.*, m. W. H. Morris of Northfield; d. in 1855.
- 6, *Roena M.*, m. Hon. Charles H. Joyce, ex-M. C.
- 7, *Edward H.*, rector of St. John (Episcopal) Church at Poultney.
- 8, *C. F. Volney*, for many years, and until his death, in charge of the telegraph department on C. Vt. R. R.; d. at St. Albans in 1872.
- 9, *Charles R.*, d. in Northfield, aged three years and six months.

## RICHARDSON.

WINSLOW RICHARDSON, b. in Royalston, Mass., December 30, 1808; m. Laura Morey of Fayston; moved to Braintree about 1850; children:

1, *Harriet*, lived 18 months.

2, *George W.*, b. in Fayston, June 2, 1837; m. April 17, 1864. Melissa M. Marsh; one child: Ernest George, b. March 18, 1868, and d. April 2, 1884.

3, *Eda*, m. — Sargent; lives in Massachusetts.

MARTIN VAN BUREN RICHARDSON, brother to Winslow, b. in Fayston, July 18, 1832; m. 2d time, April 29, 1865, Jennie H. Sumner; moved to Braintree in 1874; children:

1, *Frank Carlton*, b. November 17, 1866.

2, *Fred Dexter*, b. May 29, 1868.

3, *Alice Lillian*, b. June 3, 1871.

## RICKARD.

DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN RICKARD, son of Dr. Benjamin Rickard, b. in Hartland, February 19, 1815; went to Braintree about 1839; m. May 5, 1840, Lovina W. Benton; moved from Braintree in March, 1854, and lived in Woodstock, Hartland and Pomfret, and Independence, Iowa; d. at Woodstock, March 14, 1869; children:

1, *L Delia D.*, b. February 4, 1841; m. Joseph Pratt; lived in Woodstock; d. April 29, 1876.

2, *Benjamin Rollin*, b. in East Middlesex, November 14, 1842; d. in Hartland, March 23, 1863, of a disease contracted in the army.

3, *Austin O.*, b. in East Middlesex, August 10, 1844; works in a woolen mill at Claremont, N. H.

4, *Charles F.*, b. in Braintree, March 27, 1848; resides at Middle Falls, N. Y.

5, *Carlos S. B.*, b. April 19, 1850; resides at Middle Falls, N. Y.

6, *Jared M.*, b. April 23, 1853; station agent at North Somerville, Mass.

7, *Mary Alice*, b. in Woodstock, September 1, 1858; m. — Merrill; lives in Reading.

## RIFORD.

JOSEPH RIFORD, b. June 6, 1758; m. Rachel Mann, who was b. February 9, 1757, and d. December 26, 1833; settled in Braintree in — ; d. April 28, 1803; Hannah, mother of Joseph Riford, was b. December 3, 1736, and d. November 9, 1823; children:

1, *Joseph, Jr.*, b. February 2, 1779; m. March 30, 1801, Keziah Fitts; d. September 8, 1823; children: 1, Lovina, b. July 21, 1801; m. January 1, 1828, Lucius Bingham of Cornwall; lived in Warren, and d. January 30, 1874. 2, Polly, b. December 7, 1802; m. May 10, 1831, Ira Patrick of Granville, and resided there; d. October 3, 1875. 3, Joseph, 3d, b. March 17, 1805; m. April 22, 1830, Polly Burrage; d. at Benton Harbor, Mich., November 2, 1882; children: (1), Joseph Perry, b. January 28, 1831; d. January 5, 1852. (2), Mary Ann, b. September 6, 1832; d. September 4, 1834. (3), Mary Maria, b. February 8, 1835; d. May 12, 1849. (4), Almon Ball, b. January 31, 1838; lawyer and postmaster at Benton



Harbor, Mich. (5), Laura Jane, b. August 16, 1840; d. September 3, 1842. (6), Ira Burrage, b. August 12, 1843; d. May 30, 1873. (7), Seth, b. September 17, 1846; m. and resides at Chicago, Ill. (8), Ellen M., b. January 18, 1850; m. — Conger. 4, Sarah, b. January 12, 1807; m. December 5, 1833, Moses Jones of Braintree, Mass., where she lived, and d. September 25, 1881. 5, Esther, b. August 28, 1808; m. December 2, 1830, Alden Trask; d. November 26, 1851. 6, Asa, b. May 9, 1810; d. about 1865. 7, Orra, b. November 29, 1811; m. August 26, 1840, Seth M. Holman. 8, Franklin, b. February 11, 1814; m. Diana Kendall; lived in Braintree a number of years, now in Bethel; children: (1), Lovina D., b. November 2, 1837; d. December 15, 1839. (2), Elmira M., b. in 1839; d. July 7, 1844. 9, Seth, b. February 20, 1816; d. at Lowell, Mass., October 3, 1844. 10, Elmira Partridge, b. January 23, 1818; m. in 1845, Hiram J. Pratt, and resides in Warren. 11, Philander, b. January 1, 1820; m. Jerusha Dickerson, and lives in Warren. 12, Josephine Maria, b. October 12, 1823; m. Ichabod Y. Kendall; d. June 29, 1859.

2, *Rachel*, b. May 11, 1782; m. Robert Murray; d. December 29, 1833.

3, *Polly*, b. April 30, 1784; m. April 7, 1806, David Partridge; d. May 19, 1861.

4, *Asa*, b. May 25, 1786; d. at Randolph, Mass., September 4, 1805.

5, *Sally*, b. August 23, 1788; d. May 21, 1803.

6, *Samuel*, b. August 24, 1790; m. April 14, 1825, Betsey Ford; d. July 3, 1864; children: 1, Son, d. an infant March 4, 1826. 2, Samuel, Jr., b. March 2, 1827; m. January 1, 1852, Betsey E. Battles; d. November 26, 1875; children: (1), Celia Ada, b. January 8, 1853. (2), Carroll Samuel, b. April 21, 1859; d. October 26, 1861. (3), Nellie B., b. December 28, 1863; d. August 19, 1866. (4), Nina Carrie, b. December 31, 1866. (5), Perley Samuel, b. June 19, 1870; d. May 14, 1876. (6), Winnie Alice, b. August 10, 1873. 3, Betsey Hilena, b. July 6, 1829; d. April 20, 1835. 4, Rachel Lamanda, b. December 20, 1831; m. December 5, 1850, Almon Battles; d. at Benton Harbor, Mich., January 4, 1873. 5, Otis, b. August 10, 1835; m. May 30, 1866, Mary O. Pratt; children: (1), Perry Ephraim, b. November 2, 1868. (2), Charles Stephen, b. August 4, 1870; d. October 23, 1871. 6, Betsey Hilena, b. May 8, 1839; d. July 30, 1841. 7, Mary Jane, b. August 16, 1844; m. April 27, 1871, Azro B. Cushman of West Randolph, and lives there.

7, *Seth*, b. November 3, 1793; m. Phebe French; moved to Waukesha, Wis., and d. there April 28, 1875.

8, *Lazarus*, b. December 4, 1795; m. Rachel French; lived and d. at Chester.

9, *Stephen*, b. June 12, 1798; m. Ruth Thayer.

10, *Betsey*, b. January 29, 1800; m. March 30, 1822, Otis Heath of Randolph.

11, *Ephraim*, b. February 17, 1802; d. unmarried July 24, 1866.

#### RISING.

ABIAL RISING, b. in Warren, October 20, 1820; m. May 18, 1842, Nancy A. Flint; moved to Braintree in the spring of 1848, and to West Randolph in the spring of 1870; children:

1, *Edwin Nichols*, b. September 3, 1843; m. May 10, 1868, Louisa M. Bruce; lives at West Randolph.

- 2, *Daniel Heman*, b. October 16, 1845; d. October 5, 1847.
- 3, *Hattie A.*, b. November 29, 1847.
- 4, *Mary E.*, b. December 9, 1852; d. November 16, 1861.
- 5, *Ida L.*, b. May 11, 1856; m. September 4, 1877, George W. Batchelder, and lives at West Randolph.
- 6, *Lawrence D.*, b. October 9, 1860; d. July 15, 1873.
- 7, *George A.*, b. March 9, 1864; m. 1883, Emma Huntington of W. Randolph.
- 8, *Emma Elizabeth*, b. October 6, 1865.
- 9, *Lulu M.*, b. February 27, 1867.

## ROGERS.

JEREMIAH ROGERS, b. in Chittenden, October 10, 1812; m. December 31, 1833, Lucy Goodno of Brandon, who was b. February 22, 1813; settled in Braintree in June, 1870. Only one of his children lives in Braintree; Frank Howard, b. May 19, 1856.

## RUGGLES.

SAMUEL RUGGLES, b. in East Roxbury, July 20, 1814; m. March, 1839, Mary C. Boyce of Bridgewater, who was b. May 30, 1814; moved to Braintree in 1859.

## RUMRILL.

OLIVER HARTWELL RUMRILL, b. in Cavendish, June 20, 1821; settled in Braintree about 1840; m. August 25, 1845, Harriet M. Harwood; children:

- 1, *Son*, b. August 15, and d. November 10, 1847.
- 2, *Ella Adeline*, b. July 24, 1848; m. January 1, 1866, James H. Bement of Warren, and lived there; d. August 13, 1866.
- 3, *Ellen Mary*, twin to Ella, m. March 28, 1865, Edwin F. Lamb; lives at Mt. Morris, Mich.
- 4, *Abna Harriet*, b. March 17, 1850; m. January 31, 1871, John B. Fisk of Northfield; d. November 25, 1876.
- 5, *Adella Minora*, b. January 29, 1855; m. July 17, 1880, Frank Palmer of Randolph, and lives at Bethel.
- 6, *Effie Virginia*, b. June 5, 1858; m. July, 1879, Henry M. Boyce of Brookfield, and lives there.
- 7, *Lilla Belle*, b. April 26, 1862.

CLARISSA, a sister to Oliver, lived in Braintree; d. unmarried.

ROXANA, another sister, b. in Ringe, N. H., May 15, 1811; m. Orange Davis, who was b. in Reading, March 18, 1802, and d. May 26, 1874; she d. January 2, 1874.

STILLMAN, a brother, lived in Braintree awhile; m. in Plattsburgh, N. Y., and d. there.

MARTIN BENJAMIN RUMRILL, nephew to preceding, b. in Peru, N. Y., November 28, 1844; m. December 31, 1867, Irene C. Martin of Hancock, who was b. at Allenstown, N. H., May 17, 1850; children:

- 1, *Stella Evangeline*, b. October 8, 1868.
- 2, *Jennie Wright*, b. June 24, 1870.
- 3, *Freddie Hilton*, b. August 15, 1872.

- 4, *Perley Fernando*, b. April 23, 1878.
- 5, *Rene M.*, b. August 26, and d. September 1, 1880.
- 6, *Martin Roy*, b. May 29, 1882.

## SARGENT.

WALLACE SARGENT, b. in Royalton, July 9, 1831; m. November 23, 1855, Mary Gonyon of Montreal, P. Q.; moved into Braintree about 1854; children:

- 1, *Delia Flora*, b. September 24, 1856.
- 2, *George*, b. November 20, 1858.
- 3, *James*, b. March 25, 1860.
- 4, *Fred*, b. May 7, 1862.
- 5, *Laura*, b. March 26, 1864.
- 6, *Herbert*, b. June 13, 1868.
- 7, *Louisa*, b. December 4, 1870.
- 8, *Wales*, b. September 5, 1874.
- 9, *John*, b. November 26, 1877.
- 10, *Frank*, b. March 4, 1879.

## SCOTT.

WILLIAM SCOTT was among the earliest settlers, came from Connecticut and settled on lot 6-1, which he sold to Daniel Waite, July 22, 1791; m. Olive Harvey of Conn.; removed to the State of New York in 1809; d. January 2, 1815, aged 60 years; children:

- 1, *William, Jr.*, b. April 20, 1787; lived and d. out of town.
- 2, *Charles*, b. July 22, 1789; lived and d. out of town.
- 3, *Lewis Harvey*, b. September 15, 1791; m. December 14, 1820, Betsey Wakefield; d. April 12, 1867; one child: Horatio Nelson. b. June 9, 1823; m. (1) Clara Maxham of Hancock, who d. June 21, 1862; m. (2) August 7, 1879, Lucinda C. Bass; children: (1), Walter C., b. November 24, 1853; m. February 12, 1876, Abbie F. Leonard of Middlesex. (2), Ellen, b. November 23, 1855. (3), Clara E., b. October 16, 1857; d. August 10, 1859. (4), Jessie, b. May 6, 1858; m. Allen H. Flint, Jr. (5), Jennie, twin to Jessie. (6), Winfield, b. August 6, 1860.

- 4, *Lemuel* 5, *David*. 6, *Milly*; all dead.
- 7, *Mary*, b. February 24, 1804; m. — Fox; resides at Lyons, Mich.

## SEYMOUR.

JOHN SEYMOUR, b. in Canada, March 18, 1821; m. Matilda Fourkey; children:

- 1, *John, Jr.*, b. November 25, 1846; m. June 2, 1869, Sarah J. Fitts; children: (1), Albert Amos, b. January 30, 1871. (2), Jennie Jerusha, b. May 11, 1877.
- 2, *Julius*, b. April 30, 1848; m. July 3, 1869, Fanny Tredo, and lives at Worcester, Mass.
- 3, *Mary*, b. March 5, 1850; m. September 22, 1867, Mahalan M. Drake; d. in 1878.
- 4, *Nelson*, b. October 6, 1851.
- 5, *Henry*, b. October 8, 1852.

- 6, *Martha*, b. October 20, 1854; m. Fred Dickerman; d. May 26, 1877.
- 7, *George*, b. March 18, 1856; d. April 11, 1879.
- 8, *Josephine*, b. March 20, 1858; d. August 24, 1878.
- 9, *Margaret*, b. March 15, 1861; m. George Walker.
- 10, *Lucy*, b. August 10, 1865.

## SHARP.

APOLLOS SHARP, b. in Barnard, April 19, 1803; m. (1) January 1, 1826, Caroline N. Richmond of Barnard, who was b. July 31, 1801, and d. June 7, 1869; m. (2) July 4, 1872, Mrs. Dolly W. (Collins) Waterman; lived in Barnard till 1839, moved to Braintree in 1853; children:

- 1, *Apollos Gustavus*, b. August 13, 1826; d. January 1, 1827.
- 2, *Don Alphonso*, b. August 20, 1828; d. July 26, 1829.
- 3, *Simeon William*, b. August 1, 1829; m. April 4, 1845, Eleanor A. Sargent; lives at West Randolph.
- 4, *Edmund Hayden*, b. January 1, 1833; m. January 27, 1864, Sarah M. Mann of West Randolph, and resides there.
- 5, *Ellen Caroline*, b. February 7, 1835; d. June 23, 1836.
- 6, *Lucian Rodolphus*, b. January 6, 1838; d. July 8, 1841.
- 7, *Abby Augusta*, b. November 20, 1839; d. September 8, 1849.
- 8, *Lucia Emma*, b. August 15, 1843; d. December 7, 1880.

## SMITH.

DAVID SMITH, b. in Connecticut, May 23, 1758; m. Mary Sebra, who was b. April 4, 1759, and d. October 23, 1843; he d. March 23, 1841; children:

- 1, *Henry*, b. May 14, 1792; m. June 3, 1819, Betsey Mann; d. in Roxbury, March 2, 1838; children: 1, Nancy, b. October 26, 1821; d. November 25, 1862.
- 2, Seabury, b. in 1823; d. May 24, 1826.
- 3, Henry, Jr., b. in 1828; d. December 12, 1845.
- 4, Mary, b. in 1830; d. May 4, 1846.
- 5, Jabez, b. January 25, 1834; d. May 9, 1855.
- 6, Nelson, b. August, 1835; d. June 23, 1846.
- 2, *Jabez*, b. February 23, 1794; m. February 1, 1821, Maria Lyon; d. September 9, 1843; children: 1, Philena, b. September 6, 1822; m. October 3, 1842, William S. Wood of Westford; settled and still living in Wataga, Ill.
- 2, Juliett, b. May 7, 1825; m. October 18, 1840, Leander Chadwick; lives at West Randolph.
- 3, Lucretia, b. February 8, 1827; m. January 9, 1845, Elhanan Amidon of Brookfield.
- 4, Edward David, b. October 4, 1830; m. December 25, 1870, Elizabeth L. Packard.
- 5, Julius Oscar, b. June 5, 1838; d. in Wisconsin.

GEORGE FRANCIS SMITH, b. in Randolph, April 28, 1824; m. April 11, 1854, Augusta A. Abbott; moved from Brookfield to Braintree in March, 1866; children:

- 1, *Charles Fremont*, b. July 28, 1856; m. October 6, 1881, Francis Noble of Hyde Park, Mass.
- 2, *George Sidney*, b. April 2, 1858.
- 3, *Flora Sarah*, b. October 12, 1861; d. September 1, 1864.
- 4, *Flora Sarah*, b. October 14, 1867.
- 5, *Edna Augusta*, b. July 23, 1874.
- 6, *Eddie Pope*, b. November 23, 1876.



NELSON SMITH, b. in Randolph, March 27, 1831; m. February 5, 1861, Evelina E. Gibson of Roxbury; since 1864 has lived in Braintree most of the time; children:

- 1, *George Clayton*, b. July 19, 1863.
- 2, *Carson Abijah*, b. November 24, 1865.
- 3, *Hubert Eustace*, b. July 16, 1869.

JOHN PERLEY SMITH, b. in Duxbury, May 27, 1845; m. October 9, 1870, Lizzie M. Comstock of Strafford; settle in Braintree in 1872; children:

- 1, *Myron Chauncey*, b. in Thetford, July 31, 1871; d. November 14, 1878.
- 2, *Johnny Josiah*, b. May 16, 1873.
- 3, *Son*, b. September 15, 1878; lived eight days.
- 4, *Myron Colburn*, b. May 23, 1881.

### SPEAR.

George Speer or Spere, the first of that name to come to this country, was made freeman in Boston, May 29, 1644. He settled in Braintree, now Quincy, Mass. He was the progenitor of a numerous race that settled in various parts of Massachusetts, principally in Braintree, from which place several Spears came to this town and were some of its earliest residents. These were Nathaniel, Jacob, Samuel, and three sisters, of whom all except Nathaniel, it appears by early records, were children of Samuel, Jr., and Mary Spear of Braintree, Mass., also Elias, Joseph, and very likely others.

NATHANIEL SPEAR, b. in Brookfield, Mass., April 6, 1750; m. Keziah Stephens, b. November 24, 1752, and d. April 16, 1845; came to Braintree in 1790; owned the farm where Daniel V. Page lives; had a saw-mill, a grist mill, a cider mill, and a potash on Bass's brook; did more or less teaming to Boston; was industrious and frugal; left a larger estate than any before him in town; d. January 13, 1826; children:

- 1, *Samuel*, b. in Braintree, Mass., March 26, 1783; d. aged about 19 years.
- 2, *Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. in Braintree, Mass., August 11, 1784; d. unmarried

November 29, 1865.

3, *Jacob*, b. in Braintree, Mass., June 5, 1786; m. (1) February 25, 1808, Clarissa Foster, who was b. October 24, 1788, and d. March 6, 1855; m. (2) May 12, 1856, Susan (Kittridge) Norton; lived where Amasa W. Ferry does; owned mills, was industrious, and had good business ability; d. while attending a saw mill at West Brookfield, February 27, 1866; children: 1, *Julia*, b. February 17, 1809; m. April 13, 1831, George Williams, formerly of Northfield; resided in Brookfield; d. May 1, 1876. 2, *Jacob Almon*, b. September 1, 1811; m. September 24, 1835, Caroline Flint; a successful farmer; served as selectman during the war and represented the town in 1864-5; children: (1), *Salmon Edwin*, b. March 20, 1841; d. May 10, 1851. (2), *Emily Ann*, b. April 26, 1846; d. November 22, 1861. (3), *Victor Ira*, b. September 20, 1852. 3, *Clarissa Merenda*, b. November 25, 1814; m. January 5, 1836, Benj. W. Dyer; lived in Randolph some time then removed to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and established the Vermont House; she survives Mr. Dyer as proprietor of the same. 4, *Abigail*, b. September 24, 1816; m. November 7, 1843, Ephraim Thayer; after 1855, resided

at West Randolph; d. July, 1882. 5, Zebina Salmon, b. July 7, 1818; d. unmarried, June 30, 1867. 6, Harriet Keziah, b. September 10, 1820; m. (1) July 4, 1839, Silas H. Thayer; m. (2) November 8, 1851, Ira Mann. 7, Lewis Hobart, b. August 16, 1822; m. June, 1882, Cornelia Sampson of Hyde Park, Ill. 8, Milo, b. April 19, 1824; m. March 30, 1853, Elvira M. Battles; resided in Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph till March, 1880, when he returned to Nashua, Iowa; killed June, 1881, by the falling of timbers while raising the basement of a barn; children: (1), Edwin Milo, b. March 19, 1854; d. July 15, 1863. (2), Dana Salmon, b. October 8, 1856; m. Carrie Sherman of Boston, Mass.; resides at Nashua, Iowa. (3), Willis Jacob, b. August 11, 1858; d. June 24, 1863. (4), Walter. (5), Jennie; both in Nashua, Iowa. 9, Waldo Marquis, b. February 29, 1828; d. March 3, 1852. 10, Jude, b. August 8, 1834; d. February 17, 1835.

4, *Zebina*, b. October 25, 1787; d. about 1817 of lockjaw at Francistown, N. H., while on the way to Boston.

5, *Aseneth*, b. June 2, 1790; m. (1) March 26, 1807, Washington Lothrop, who d. November 20, 1807, in his 26th year; m. (2) July 9, 1809, Elisha Ford, Jr.; d. March 1, 1865.

6, *Stephen*, b. February 11, 1793; m. (1) Betsey Burnham; m. (2) Delia Marsh; no children; d. February 21, 1875.

7, *Arunah*, b. April 2, 1796; m. March 10, 1819, Charlotte M. Battles; d. May 30, 1874; children: 1, Fanny F., b. 1820; d. November 25, 1824. 2, Samuel, b. in Bethel, October 23, 1821; m. September 5, 1847, Lucy S. Hescoc of Carthage, Me., who was b. January 27, 1827; children: (1), Columbus L., b. in Newton, Mass., July 10, 1848; m. August 3, 1871, Ida Wyatt of West Randolph; resides at Brattleboro. (2), Sophrona Estella, b. in West Randolph, November 30, 1850; m. August 14, 1874, Frank J. Herrick of Randolph. (3), Kogsta Samuel, b. June 20, 1853; m. April 12, 1879, Eva Perkins of Madison, Me.; resides in Boston, Mass. 3, John G. A., b. at Ticonderoga, N. Y., September 22, 1823; m. September 4, 1851, H. Jane Craig; resides in St. Paul, Minn. 4, Nancy Battles, b. in Bethel, October 8, 1825; m. June 10, 1851, Isaac Treat. 5, Andrew Jackson, b. November 21, 1827; m. (1) February 20, 1858, Kate McGram; m. (2) November 5, 1884, Amelia Smith; resides at Plymouth, Wis. 6, Charles, b. September 22, 1829; m. March 15, 1857, Mary E. Chadwick; resides in Randolph. 7, Fanny F., b. June 20, 1831; m. (1) June, 1849, J. M. Wells; m. (2) 1854, Daniel Manley; resided in Iowa; d. October 3, 1872.

SAMUEL SPEAR, b. Braintree, Mass., November 16, 1753; m. March 22, 1777, Jane Spear; had a family of children, but we have no record of them. Of the three sisters, Mary, b. July 27, 1760, m. December 9, 1799, John Burridge. Hannah, m. September 7, 1786, Eleazer Parmly; went to Ohio. The third m. a Vesey, probably Benjamin; went to Ohio about 1815.

JOSEPH SPEAR, the son of Joseph, b. in Randolph, Mass., April 28, 1777; m. (1) in Braintree, March 22, 1798, Rhoda Spear, and went to Randolph, Mass.; removed to this town, May 5, 1799; m. (2) February 25, 1830, Mary Woodbury, who d. October 24, 1838; m. (3) December 23, 1838, Abigail Darling, who d. March 5, 1847; m. (4) July 25, 1847, Lucy A. Cram, who d. November 27, 1873; he d. September 25, 1848; children:

1, *Lois*, b. in Randolph, Mass., February 9, 1799; m. April 13, 1815, Alanson Payson; resided in Michigan; d. May, 1877; he d. June, 1876.

2, *Rhoda*, b. November 2, 1800; m. December 5, 1816, Samuel Lamb; d. January 14, 1824.

3, *Betsey*, b. August 29, 1802; m. September 16, 1824, Joseph L. Wait of Granville; d. April 13, 1837; he d. in Mass.

4, *Sally*, b. March 29, 1804; m. September 2, 1819, Jacob Burrridge; d. June 24, 1876.

5, *Zeta*, b. December 24, 1805; d. April 3, 1813.

6, *Polly*, b. March 17, 1808; m. September 16, 1824, Samuel Lamb, whom she survives.

7, *Hannah*, b. January 24, 1810; m. December 1, 1831, James B. Battles; d. November 7, 1848.

8, *Joseph, Jr.*, b. November 13, 1812; m. July 1, 1840, Matilda Pierce, who d. January 21, 1883; he settled and still lives in Granville.

9, *Sanborn*, b. February 18, and d. February 19, 1815.

10, *Moses*, b. December 9, 1816; d. December 4, 1839.

11, *William F.*, b. March 4, 1819; d. October 6, 1846.

12, *Isaac*, b. May 13, 1821; d. August 30, 1823.

13, *Daniel*, b. July 19, 1824; went to Michigan in 1848, where he m. and has since lived.

ELIAS SPEAR, son of Daniel and Elizabeth, and Mary, his wife, came to this town probably in 1790, for he sold his farm in Braintree, Mass., March 5, 1790, and his oldest child, Polly, was probably born in this town, as her birth was recorded in the town records for that year; he m. (2) a Mrs. Martin; children:

1, *Polly*, b. May 15, 1790; m. ——— Clark; d. February 4, 1876.

2, *Charlotte*, b. October 7, 1792.

3, *Elias, Jr.*, b. January 28, 1795; m. March 6, 1817, Orilla Clark, who was b. May 16, 1799, and d. in Stowe about 1880; he d. September 1, 1854; children: 1, Simeon, b. January 22, 1818. 2, Fielder Clark, b. December 12, 1819; d. November 5, 1821. 3, Apolona, b. February 21, 1822; d. September 1, 1841. 4, Charlotte, b. January 8, 1824; m. March 11, 1847, Duran Snow; d. December 17, 1847. 5, Belinda, b. July 13, 1826; m. February 23, 1847, Lyman Kenney of Randolph; d. April 18, 1854. 6, Ezra, b. April 20, 1830; d. July 3, 1859. 7, Lavina, b. September 22, 1832; m. Duran Snow; d. April 13, 1861. 8, Augustus C., b. November 1, 1834; m. and lives in Rhode Island. 9, Edwin, b. January 17, 1837; d. in the U. S. Service at Memphis, Tenn., June 15, 1863. 10, Betsey, b. November 23, 1838; d. August 12, 1854.

4, *Relief*, b. April 30, 1800.

5, *Esther*, b. November 2, 1802.

6, *Betsey*, b. March 24, 1805; m. Joel Pratt, Jr.; d. February 9, 1836.

7, *Sabra*, b. December 10, 1807; m. January 9, 1823, Jeremiah Pratt.

8, *Sophrona*, b. July 22, 1809; m. September 17, 1825, Mervin H. Hall of Brookfield.

9, *Phineas*, b. April 10, 1810.

10, *George Washington*, b. July 27, 1811; d. October 11, 1831. Children by 2d marriage:

11, *Lucius*, b. April 5, 1815.

12, *Julia*, b. September 9, 1818.

13, *Arena*, m. Otis Kenney.

BENJAMIN SPEAR, b. May 9, 1791; m. Mary Thayer; d. May 15, 1860; children:

1, *Chauncey Langdon*, b. May 24, 1819; m. Mary Campbell of Waitsfield; residence, Somerville, Mass.

2, *George Nelson*, b. January 6, 1823; d. August 30, 1844.

3, *Ira Allen*, b. September 10, 1825; unmarried.

4, *Benjamin B.*, b. March 31, 1828; m. Lucy —— of Greenfield, Mass.; lived at Sherburne Falls, Mass.; d. February 25, 1860.

5, *Mary Maria*, b. June 16, 1830; m. January 1, 1849, Russell A. Flint; d. September 2, 1854.

6, *Ellen Marinda*, b. August 11, 1834; m. June 9, 1859, Russell A. Flint; d. October 2, 1878.

LEVI SPEAR, b. in Braintree, Mass., December 17, 1791; m. (1) September 12, 1809, Sarah Hunt; m. (2) December 5, 1816, Charlotte Hunt; d. June 2, 1834; children:

1, *Sarah*, b. April 22, 1811; m. March 21, 1833, Hovey Flint; d. November 11, 1875.

2, *Hannah*, b. November 15, 1813; d. November 26, 1831.

3, *Leon, Jr.*, b. December 9, 1817; m. Mary L. Rano, formerly of Hancock, who was b. November 18, 1814, and d. June 21, 1872; farmer and lumber manufacturer; d. May 22, 1880; children: 1, Charlotte Ellen, b. December 13, 1840; m. March 21, 1858, George A. Wells. 2, George Levi, b. April 22, 1842; m. September 1, 1870, Mina M. Parish of Brookfield; lumber manufacturer.

4, *Mary Charlotte*, b. December 15, 1819; m. Lyman Craig; d. December 9, 1839.

5, *Joshua Avery*, b. December 21, 1822; m. (1) about 1851, Julia Luce; m. (2) in 1864, Minerva Powell; m. (3) September 5, 1867, Mrs. Florinda (Silver) Spaulding, formerly of Norwich; grocer; children: 1, Martha Charlotte, b. August 19, 1853; m. about 1875, Frank Pierce of White River Junction; d. there, July 24, 1881. 2, Franklin Joshua, b. February 2, 1855; d. August 3, 1880. 3, Hiram, b. April 16, 1857; in Arizona. 4, Jennie M., b. September 4, 1858; m. (1) August 2, 1871, Bergwin A. Drake; m. (2) November 17, 1877, Stewart Ryan, formerly of Bethel. 5, Ai Harris, b. April 10, 1865.

6, *Hiram*, b. April 22, 1827; m. Hannah Maria Clapp, daughter of Judge Kelly of Meredith, N. H., and settled there; subsequently went to California; lawyer; d. March 4, 1858.

7, *Charlotte*, b. November 14, 1830; fell into the fire-place, burnt her scalp and caught cold; d. February 2, 1832.

#### STEARNS.

WARREN STEARNS, b. Grafton, February 6, 1815; m. (1) September 12, 1837, Sarah Chamberlain of Barnard; moved to Braintree in 1854; m. (2)



October 23, 1845, Mrs. Charlotte (Narcross) Wiswell of Townsend, who d. October 20, 1871; m. (3) 1872, Mrs. Harriet P. White; he d. November 10, 1881; children:

1, *Sarah Maria*, b. in Grafton, July 14, 1838; postmistress at West Braintree.

2, *Warren Everett*, b. March 10, 1841; d. January 12, 1868.

3, *Mary Adelaide*, b. January 26, 1844; d. August 3, 1851.

## STEDMAN.

HENRY STEDMAN, m. March 10, 1799, Jerusha Fadden, who d. December 17, 1825, aged 44; d. June 10, 1818, aged 62; children:

1, *Jerusha*, b. January 4, 1799; m. November 15, 1818, Isaac Pratt; d. December 7, 1828.

2, *Harriet*, b. October, 1801; m. December 18, 1842, Jehiel Ford; d. January 9, 1864.

3, *Polly*, b. 1803; m. April 4, 1830, Jesse K. Cram; d. 1841.

4, *Henry, Jr.*, m. December 3, 1829, Eunice Tilson; lived and d. in Randolph.

## SUMNER.

SAMUEL COIT SUMNER, b. Norwich, Conn., January 27, 1799; m. September 23, 1819, Polly Flint; settled in Braintree in —; d. February 23, 1873; children:

1, *Samuel Wilson*, b. July 27, 1820; m. Lucy A. Martin; d. August 5, 1864, in U. S. service in hospital at Frederick City, Md.; children: 1, Seryl Wilson, b. May 22, 1850; m. May 22, 1878, Ida Parish of Brookfield. 2, Ada Abigail, b. July 23, 1854; d. August 11, 1861. 3, Ira Mann, b. July 11, 1857. 4, Eva Jane, b. July 31, 1859; m. September 15, 1881, William La Vanway of Warren; d. at East Duxbury, March 24, 1882. 5, Abby Ada, b. September 26, 1861; m. June 8, 1882, Asa P. Cleverly of West Randolph, and lives there. 6, Martin Coit, b. February 2, 1865.

2, *Jonathan Flint*, b. April 5, 1822; m. December 2, 1847, Hannah E. Linfield; children: 1, Sarah Emeline, b. November 19, 1848; m. November 18, 1868, Vilas C. Flint. 2, Newton Jonathan, b. April 13, 1850. 3, Abbie Orinda, b. November 8, 1851; m. July 4, 1870, Avery E. Richardson of Roxbury. 4, Emma Elmira, b. February 1, 1855; m. February 28, 1882, Hamlet Barrows of Irasburgh, and resides there. 5, Judson Martin, b. May 20, 1858; d. September 1, 1868. 6, Jennie Mary, twin to Judson. 7, Charles Ellsworth, b. September 14, 1863. 8, Nettie Marion, b. February 25, 1866. 9, George Herbert, b. September 5, 1870.

3, *Benjamin Linfield*, b. May 26, 1826; m. January 1, 1849, Emeline Martin; lived in Warren till 1866, then moved to Braintree; children: 1, Rockwell Tilden, b. October 22, 1849; d. November 9, 1851. 2, Elma Amelia, b. March 7, 1852; m. October 9, 1872, Rev. William Brunton of Boston; residence, Brighton, Mass.; one child: Herbert Rogers, b. in Braintree, March 18, 1876. 3, Charlie Rockwell, b. February 9, 1855; d. July 4, 1861. 4, Francis Randall, b. May 22, 1861; m. July 5, 1879, Abbie M. Abbott; lives at Parker's Prairie,

Otter Tail Co., Minn.; one child: Bertha, b. in Braintree, April 24, and d. May 21, 1880.

4, *William*, b. October 16, 1829; m. April 22, 1849, Mary M. Battles; went West; whereabouts unknown.

5, *Godfrey Richardson*, b. December 29, 1832; d.

6, *Hannah*, b. December 28, 1834; m. December 7, 1848, John Albin; d. December 13, 1853.

7, *Godfrey*, b. March 31, 1836; m. Emma Sterling of Warren, and lives there.

8, *Huldah Jane*, b. October 17, 1837; m. April 29, 1865, Martin V. B. Richardson.

9, *Mary*, b. April 17, 1839; m. John Albin; d. April 6, 1858.

#### TARBELL.

LUKE TARLELL, b. in Tunbridge; m. March, 1863, Sarah Bell of Crown Point, N. Y.; has lived in Braintree since —; children:

1, *Charles Philo*, b. in Crown Point, N. Y.; d.

2, *Effe Rebecca*, b. in Braintree.

3, *Myrtie*.

GEORGE TARBELL, brother to Luke, b. in Tunbridge, August 3, 1840; m. January 12, 1863, Sarah M. Pratt; children:

1, *Bertha Lester*, b. January 3, 1868.

2, *Jessie Louise*, b. July 4, 1872.

#### THAYER.

The Thayers that have resided in Braintree trace their ancestry in this country back to two different progenitors, RICHARD and THOMAS, whose relationship, if any, is not known. It appears that both emigrated from England and settled in Braintree, Mass., about the same time. Richard was admitted freeman in 1640, and d. August 27, 1695.

RICHARD, Jr., b. probably in England; m. January 4, 1652, Dorothea Pray; d. December 4, 1705.

NATHANIEL, son of Richard, Jr., b. January 1, 1658; m. May 27, 1679, Hannah Heydon; d. March 28, 1729.

ZACHARIAH, son of Nathaniel, b. March 16, 1687; m. February 4, 1718, Elizabeth Curtis.

ZACHARIAH, Jr., b. December 26, 1719; m. 1738, Lydia Pray; d. January, 1812.

ISAAC, son of Zachariah, Jr., b. November 23, 1741; m. November 28, 1793, Abigail Samson; settled in West Randolph; d. September 5, 1850. Two of his children have lived in Braintree:

1, *Joel B.*, b. in Randolph, December 2, 1796; m. July 4, 1820, Susannah R. Sargent, who was b. in Chester, N. H., January 29, 1801, and d. December 1, 1863; settled in Braintree in 1822; d. March 21, 1866; children: 1, Morgiann Polly, b. June 20, 1821; m. February 13, 1845, Edward Barnes of West Ran-

dolph, and lives there. 2, Harriet N., b. April 27, 1825; m. November 25, 1849; Almon Morse of Randolph, and lived there; d. August 13, 1872. 3, Susan P., b. January 18, 1828; m. November 27, 1849, Granville W. Barnes of West Randolph, and resided there; d. November 21, 1852. 4, Lucinda S., b. December 3, 1830; m. December 1, 1853, Granville W. Barnes; lives in West Randolph.

2, *Zeba G.*, b. January 18, 1799; m. October 17, 1826, Hannah G. Smith, formerly of Royalton; settled in Braintree in 1823; children: 1, Eliza Elvira, b. June 2, 1827; m. August 1, 1850, Samuel C. Spiller; lives in Springfield, Mass. 2, Abigail L., b. July 27, 1830; m. July 12, 1853, John P. Spiller, whom she survives in Randolph. 3, Isaac S., b. October 11, 1832; m. (1) September, 1853, Eliza L. Moore of Moretown; no children; m. (2) March 8, 1868, Maria Harris; lives in East Bethel. 4, Royal G., b. September 20 1835; m. November, 1857, Sophia Godfrey, and lived in Rutland; d. in 1874. 5, Vernon A., b. March 4, 1840; m. December 31, 1863, Helen Briggs; resides in Brandon.

CORNELIUS, son of Richard, Jr., b. September 29, 1670; m. 1694, Abigail Copeland.

HEZEKIAH, son of Cornelius, b. 1708; m. November 13, 1729, Mrs. Christian (Aspinwall) Thayer, his brother's widow; d. October 19, 1754.

HEZEKIAH, Jr., b. September 30, 1730; m. 1751, Mary Stetson.

LEVI, son of Hezekiah, Jr., b. February 2, 1752; m. 1774, Hannah Curtis. Three of his children lived in Braintree:

1, *Alpheus*, b. March 18, 1781; m. January 26, 1803, Sally Thayer, of Thomas Thayer line, who was b. October 31, 1785, and d. July, 1859; settled in Braintree about 1808; d. April 10, 1847; children: 1, Henry Goddard, b. in Braintree, Mass., August 1, 1804; m. September, 1839, Sarah Pierce of Warren; subsequently moved to Stockbridge, Wis.; now resides at Vermillion, Dak.; children: (1), Sarah Maria, b. in Warren, May 14, 1840. (2), William F., b. in Bradford, August 15, 1842. (3), Ann Rebecca, b. September, 1844; d. aged 2 years. (4), Henry Vincent, b. June 15, 1850. (5), John Davis, b. in Royalton, November 17, 1857. 2, Sarah, b. Braintree, Mass., October 9, 1806; m. (1) September, 1844, Vincent Hall, and settled in Boston, Mass.; m. (2) Richard Allen, and lives in Somerset, Mass. 3, Ephraim, b. December 9, 1809; m. November 7, 1843, Abigail Spear; since 1856 has lived in West Randolph; children: (1), Emma, b. May 11, 1845; m. April 27, 1864, Dana H. Morse of Randolph, and resides there. (2), Harriet, b. January 4, 1852; m. June 26, 1872, Elliott Cushman of West Randolph, and resides there. (3), Abbie Ellen, b. July 26, 1854. 4, Mary Hunt, b. January 21, 1812; m. 1838, Calvin W. Rugg, M. D., of Boston, Mass., and settled there. 5, William, b. December 11, 1817; m. Jennie ———; settled in Texas; merchant; shot by rebels in 1861, in his store. 6, John Davis, b. March 4, 1823; m. Maria Wheeden of Rupert; now at Fall River, Mass.

2, *Zenas*, son of Levi, b. May 18, 1784; m. (1) June, 1804, Esther Holbrook, who d. March 29, 1809; settled in Braintree, Mass.; m. (2) October 26, 1809, Sally Burrage, and settled in Braintree; children: 1, Esther, b. September 25, 1805; m. July 21, 1849, James B. Battles. 2, Silas Holbrook, b. February

19, 1807; m. July 4, 1839, Harriet K. Spear; d. December 1, 1850; children: (1), Harriet Viola, b. May 23, 1840; m. February 25, 1864, Amasa W. Ferry. (2), Orvis Silas, b. December 10, 1841; m. December 1, 1874, Maria B. Palmer of Williston; children: Eva J., b. April 19, and d. August 29, 1876. Mary Amelia, b. April 17, 1878. (3), Foster Jacob, b. February 6, 1844. (4), Myron Waldo, b. March 24, 1846. (5), Lewis Carlos, b. March 1, 1848; m. and lives in Boston, Mass. 3, Ruth, b. January 27, 1809; m. June 1, 1828, Stephen Rickard, and settled in Randolph. 4, by 2d m., Infant, b. February 23, 1811, and d. a few days old. 5, Zenas, Jr., b. January 15, 1813; m. December 4, 1834, Sarah Ford; in 1855 moved to Warren, Minn.; was one of the first settlers of that town and d. there; children: (1), Wheelock Parmly, b. April 30, 1836; m. July 4, 1857, Elizabeth Sands, and settled at Warren, Minn. (2), Calvin B., b. July 27, 1838; d. May 2, 1839. (3), Julia A., b. February 9, 1840; m. April 30, 1863, Silas Crandall, and resides at Warren, Minn. (4), Ruth L., b. October 4, 1843; m. July 4, 1862, Peter Fostman; resides at Warren, Minn. (5), Ellen L., b. May 15, 1847; m. December 11, 1869, John Henry Kinney; resides at Warren, Minn. (6), Louis Kossuth, b. January 28, 1852. (7), Ada L., b. June 20, 1856. 6, Levi Curtis, b. March 12, 1816; m. September 20, 1847, Mary Wood, who d. of typhus fever, November 14, 1847, aged 22; he d. of the same disease, November 3, 1847. 7, Marion C., b. February 4, 1818; d. September 2, 1836. 8, Mary Vesey, b. March 14, 1820; m. December 5, 1839, James H. Brackett; lived in Boston, Mass.; d. November 25, 1874. 9, Joseph R., b. January 13, 1823; d. September 21, 1824. 10, George W., b. April 23, 1825; m. 1852, Martha Thomas of Pittsford, and settled in Middlebury, Ind. 11, Nancy A., b. October 7, 1827; m. August 4, 1849, Caleb Holbrook, and settled in Ashland, Mass. 12, Sarah J., b. July 2, 1830; d. November 9, 1835. 13, Elijah H., b. May 11, 1832; m. June, 1860, Maria A. Bailey; settled in Boston, Mass., and d. there. 14, Samuel P., b. January 23, 1834; d. February 3, 1835.

3, Abel, son of Levi, b. July 21, 1789; m. 1812, Lydia Cleveland, who was b. February 28, 1793, and d. November 21, 1863; settled in Braintree; d. March 13, 1866; children. 1, Harriet, b. October 25, 1813; m. December 28, 1842, Orin B. Copeland; d. February 27, 1877. 2, Levi, b. January 2, 1815; m. January 2, 1843, Phebe Cushman. 3, Laurena, b. September 4, 1816; m. January 13, 1842, George Tilson, and settled in Randolph. 4, George Washington, b. May 12, 1818; d. August 26, 1840. 5, Horace Abel, b. February 10, 1820; m. (1) December 6, 1846, Laura A. Harwood; lives in Roxbury; m. (2) April 11, 1861, Almira E. Dity, who was b. August 21, 1830; children: (1), Selden M., b. October 14, 1848; d. August 21, 1865. (2), Selva Holmes, b. November 7, 1850; m. June 15, 1873, Mary M. Flint, and settled in Braintree; one child: Rolla Carroll, b. June 13, 1878. 6, Lydia Almira, b. October 26, 1821; d. September 4, 1829. 7, Otis C., b. January 21, 1824; d. April 1, 1825. 8, Martha Maria, b. July 9, 1826; d. September 2, 1829. 9, Mary, b. February 21, 1828; d. September 7, 1829. 10, Frederick Francis, b. February 12, 1830; m. January 18, 1855, Ruth H. Flint; children: (1), Frances Ruth, b. May 26, 1856; m. December 10, 1881, Clayton Mann. (2), Levi Francis, b. February 6, 1858. (3), Belle Mina, b. September 2, 1862. 11, Mary Arvilla, b. January 24, 1832; m. November 2, 1853,



Rufus Newton Flint; d. January 17, 1883. 12, Ira Orlando, b. February 12, 1835; m. September 28, 1863, Lucy H. Mann; lives in Roxbury.

THOMAS THAYER brought from England his family, consisting of his wife, whose name was Margery, and three sons. June 21, 1664, is the date of his last will, which was admitted to probate, September 13, 1665; whence it appears that his death occurred between those two dates.

SHADRACH, son of Thomas, m. January 12, 1654, Mary Barrett, and settled in Braintree, Mass; d. October 19, 1678.

EPHRAIM, son of Shadrach, b. January 28, 1669; m. January 7, 1692, Sarah, youngest daughter of John and Ruth Bass, and settled in Braintree, Mass.; d. June 15, 1757.

SHADRACH, son of Ephraim, b. April 18, 1701; m. May 2, 1723, Rachel White; d. February 17, 1783.

URIAH, son of Shadrach, b. October 15, 1724; m. 1748, Deborah Copeland; d. March 10, 1797.

SAMUEL WHITE, son of Uriah, b. June 4, 1757; m. May 9, 1780, Esther French; d. January 3, 1816.

SAMUEL WHITE, Jr., b. in Braintree, Mass., June 26, 1783; m. October 7, 1813, Ruth, daughter of Dea. Eliphalet Packard of Winthrop, Me., who was b. September 19, 1786, and d. May, 1873; he d. December 19, 1863. All his children were born on "Quaker Hill."

1, *Ruth Barrell*, b. May 10, 1816; d. next day.

2, *Samuel White*, 3d, b. May 21, 1817; m. January 6, 1841, Sarah L. Pratt of Woodstock, who was b. March 29, 1821; resided at Burlington; d. November 14, 1882.

3, *Mary George*, b. December 28, 1818; m. February 26, 1844, James N. Willard of Northfield.

4, *Ruth*, b. and d. November 16, 1820.

5, *Elias Weld*, b. October 10, and d. October 11, 1821.

6, *Abigail Weld*, twin to Elias, d. October 12, 1821.

7, *Rush Brook*, b. September 29, 1822; lawyer at Manchester, N. H.; d. September 14, 1843.

8, *James Cary Barrell*, b. August 10, 1824; m. October 12, 1844, Martha J. Pratt of Woodstock, who was b. December 1, 1824, and d. May 12, 1870; resides at Northfield.

9, *Ruth Swan*, b. April 30, 1826; d. August 22, 1827.

10, *Darwin*, b. February 2, 1828; m. January 6, 1850, Harriet E. Thayer of Northfield, who was b. December 6, 1835; resides now at Fredonia, N. Y.

#### THRESHER.

EDWIN FREEMAN THRESHER, b. in Shelby, N. Y., August 22, 1840; came from Northfield to Braintree in 1860; m. July 28, 1861, Delia A. Flint; children:

1, *Fred Lewis*, b. January 11, 1863.

2, *Frank Hovey*, b. December 12, 1864.

3, *Burton Edwin*, b. August 11, 1868.

4, *Avery Allen*, b. June 8, 1872.

5, *Carl Hugh*, b. May 15, 1877.

### THURSTIN.

WILLIAM THURSTIN, m. Lydia Johnson of Enfield, N. H.; moved to Braintree; children:

1, *Charles*, b. July 6, 1830; m. (1) February 12, 1852, Mary Danforth; m. (2) September 9, 1875, Mrs. Prudence (McIntyre) Dame; grocer at W. Randolph.

2, *Orlando D.*, b. February 7, 1832; m. April 5, 1854, Jennie Derby of Canaan, N. H.; lives at Keene, N. H.

3, *Susnn Simonds*, b. April 1, 1836; d. April 5, 1839.

4, *Addie Maria*, b. July 19, 1841; m. March 27, 1863, Phineas Campbell.

5, *Sylvester*, b. April 18, 1843; m. April 26, 1863, Betsey Pratt; d. June 21, 1871.

6, *Orett*, b. January 26, 1845; m. April 20, 1863, Almon M. Pratt.

7, *Francelia*, b. November 24, 1847; d. August 7, 1850.

### TILDEN.

DR. ITHAMAR TILDEN, came to Braintree about 1800, and remained only a few years; children (so far as known):

1, *Olive*, b. in Mayfield, Conn., December 17, 1795.

2, *Maria*, b. in Williamstown, December 9, 1797.

3, *Philo*, b. May 8, 1801.

### TILSON.

JOSIAH TILSON, b. in Greenwich, Mass., July 5, 1781; m. Rhoda Barr, who was b. in New Braintree, Worcester Co., Mass., December 7, 1786, and d. September 29, 1867; moved to Randolph early in 1809, and twelve years after, to Braintree; d. July 24, 1865; children:

1, *Jarvis*, b. in New Braintree, Mass., December 18, 1808; m. April 25, 1839, Lydia Huntington; d. November 8, 1882; children: 1, Jarvis Dwight, b. February 14, 1842; m. June 18, 1865, Vashti M. Hodge; resides at Marion, Kan. 2, Nancy Judson, b. January 27, 1844; m. January 1, 1874, Martin L. Bruce, M. D.; lives in Brattleboro. 3, Joseph Milton, b. December 26, 1847; m. June 18, 1874, Clara L. Ducheney. 4, Jonathan Elijah, b. July 21, 1853; m. August 2, 1877, Anna M. Hutchinson; lives in Rutland.

2, *Eunice*, b. in Randolph, October 30, 1810; m. December 3, 1829, Henry Stedman, Jr.; resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

3, *Martha*, b. in Randolph, January 22, 1813; d. October 6, 1835.

4, *Rhoda*, b. in Randolph, August 16, 1814; d. April 23, 1817.

5, *George*, b. in Randolph, April 5, 1816; m. January 13, 1842, Laurena Thayer; lives in Randolph.

6, *Jonathan*, b. February 16, 1818; graduated from Columbian College, Washington, D. C., and from Newton (Mass.) Theological Seminary; m. December 23, 1851, Martha Davis Anderson of Washington, D. C., and about 1852 settled in Hingham, Mass., where he preached twenty-five years; now resides at Northboro, Mass.

7, *Josiah, Jr.*, b. in Randolph, April 18, 1820; m. April 14, 1847, Mary Jane Sargent of Randolph, and has lived there since March 4, 1869; children: 1, Charles B., b. June 1, 1850; m. January 1, 1878, Eda L. Battles; resides in Randolph. 2, Royal F., b. August 10, 1853; m. October 19, 1876, Olivia P. Hibbard of Randolph, and resides there. 3, Jonathan Wales, b. May 15, 1857. 4, Della May, b. February 19, 1861; m. October 30, 1880, William Arthur Gourley; residence, Northfield. 5, Jennie Ella, b. October 2, 1867.

8, *Rhoda*, b. in Braintree, March 10, 1822; d. July 29, 1879.

9, *Lucy*, b. July 16, 1826; m. May 9, 1850, M. Jackson Lamson of West Randolph, and resides there.

EDMUND TILSON, Jr., b. in Randolph, November 2, 1806; began business at Peth in 1827; moved to West Randolph in 1853; m. (1) November, 1832, Lucinda Nye of Barnard, who d. April 10, 1834; m. (2) October, 1834, Esther Sherburne of Barnard, who d. September 11, 1870; children:

1, *Luther Nye*, b. November 22, 1833; m. (1) Mary Kimball of Weathersfield, who lived about three years after; m. (2) Delia L. Bass of Randolph; d. March 28, 1880; children: 1, Mary D., b. November 3, 1865. 2, Mabel C., b. January 29, 1871. 3, Luther B., b. April 30, 1878; d. August 25, 1879.

2, by 2d m., *Martha Lucinda*, b. April 15, 1836; m. John Kimball of Weathersfield; settled in Boston; d. about a year after marriage.

3, *Ruth Ann*, b. June 25, 1838; m. Edwin Hoisington of Hartland; resides in Boston.

4, *Mary Maria*, b. November 22, 1840; resides at West Randolph.

5, *Edmund Sherburne*, b. April 5, 1843; m. Ida Elwell of West Salem, Wis.; a teacher; d. at West Salem, July 2, 1878.

6, *Julia Amanda*, b. October 20, 1849; m. Albert E. Dean of Weathersfield; residence, Boston.

#### TRASK.

PETER TRASK came from Mass.; m. Charity Alden, who d. March 8, 1833, aged 55; he d. January 1, 1834, aged 63; children:

1, *Pardon*, b. April 18, 1796; m. June 3, 1835, Lucinda Martin of Rochester, b. April 26, 1805; d.; children: 1, Sophia Lucinda, b. September 25, 1836. 2, Abigail Martin, b. March 2, 1838; m. October 13, 1857, Anson Marsh, formerly of Leverett, Mass.; d. July 12, 1859. 3, Alden, b. and d. January 21, 1842. 4, Martin Sargent (adopted), b. in Middlebury, July 12, 1845; m. October 23, 1866, Susan C. Falson of Tunbridge, who d. August 13, 1881, aged 41; children: (1), Myra Eunice (Sargent), b. September 27, 1868. (2), Mary Lois (Sargent), b. March 7, 1875. 5, Abby Ella Marsh (adopted), b. July 22, 1858; m. September 1, 1872, Salome Flint, b. August 7, 1845; children: (1), Lutie Lucinda (Flint), b. September 18, 1875. (2), Minnie Laura (Flint), b. July 13, 1878.

2, *Abiah*, b. August 7, 1800; m. (1) Enoch Pratt; m. (2) J. Ogden Hudson; d. January 7, 1878.

3, *Alden*, b. June 25, 1803; m. December 2, 1830, Esther Riford; went West; children: 1, Loretta Esther, b. December 10, 1831; d. October 28, 1834. 2, Franklin Alden, b. September 23, 1833; m. 3, Truman C., b. April 16, 1835. 4, Ellen M., b. September 22, 1836; d. August 29, 1839. 5, Phebe A., b. June

12, 1838; d. aged about 16. 6, Elmira E., b. April 3, 1840; d. March 3, 1843. 7, Joseph Elverton, b. November 24, 1841; m. and lives in Boston, Mass. 8, Seth R., b. November 18, 1844; d. in U. S. Service. 9, Lovina K., b. May 21, 1847; d. February 7, 1849. 10, Nancy Emma, b. April 7, 1849; m. Joseph Riford, son of Philander.

4, *Charity*, b. June 6, 1806; m. April 19, 1838, Meletiah C. Howard.

5, *Emily*, d. young.

6, *Palace*, b. August 19, 1810; m. May 24, 1832, Avery Fitts.

7, *Eunice*, b. April 7, 1813; m. June 14, 1835, James Marsh, Jr.

8, *Horace*, b. April 17, 1816; m. January 11, 1840, Caroline Fitts: lived some time in Braintree; then removed to Warren, where he now resides.

### VESEY.

BENJAMIN VESEY, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Brackett), b. in Braintree, Mass., in 1766; came to Braintree in 1785; removed West in 1815; children:

1, *Elizabeth*, b. December 30, 1791.

2, *Benjamin*, Jr., b. October 18, 1793.

3, *Jonathan*, b. April 25, 1795.

4, *Abigail*, b. January 23, 1799; m. (?) May 29, 1816, Nathaniel French.

5, *Rebecca*, b. October 3, 1801.

6, *Vashti*, b. April 25, 1804.

WILLIAM VESEY, brother to Benjamin, b. in Braintree, Mass., in 1768; moved to this town in 1785; went West in 1815; children:

1, *Polly*, b. April 5, 1799; m. May 8, 1817, Orin Copeland; settled in Randolph; afterwards removed to Ohio.

2, *William*, Jr., b. March 4, 1801; m. January 29, 1823, Adaline Copeland; went to Ohio in 1833, afterwards to Indiana.

3, *Sally*, b. November 14, 1805.

4, *Betsey*, b. November 7, 1807; m. (?) October 10, 1823, Alden Copeland.

5, *Lucy*, b. March 12, 1811.

BETSEY VESEY, probably a sister to William and Benjamin, m. December 8, 1808, Elisha Ford.

### VANCE.

THOMAS A. VANCE, b. 1803; m. December 1, 1824, Maria S. Fay; came to Braintree about 1820, and moved thence to Lempster, N. H., in 1850, where he d. June 6, 1854; children:

1, *Sarah M.*, b. July 15, 1825; m. November 15, 1846, George N. Hubbard of Lempster, N. H.

2, *Laurinda Augusta*, b. October 16, 1826; m. October 15, 1854, Storrs P. Paine; lives in Randolph.

3, *Rosette S.*, b. April 7, 1829; m. August 12, 1849, Charles M. Hubbard of Lempster, N. H.; d. at Manchester, N. H., August 13, 1853.

4, *Marshall A.*, b. December 13, 1830; d. September 9, 1841.

5, *George R.*, b. June 13, 1834; m. (1) July 4, 1853, Ruth R. Sanborn of Tops-



ham, who d. January 3, 1859; m. (2) August 31, 1861, S. Maria Young of Manchester, N. H., where he resides.

6, *Mary J.*, b. October 22, 1838; m. 1857, Freeman Wilkinson of Manchester, N. H.

#### VINTON.

JOHN VINTON, son of John and Hephzibah (French) Vinton of Braintree, Mass., b. January 6, 1765; was "published," March 20, 1784, and m. soon after to Hannah Ripley of Weymouth, Mass., who d. November 17, 1826, aged 62; moved to Braintree in April, 1809; d. July 23, 1828; children all b. in Braintree, Mass.:

1, *Hannah*, b. March 12, 1785; m. Samuel Holbrook of Braintree, Mass., and probably resided there.

2, *Hephzibah*, b. 1791; m. (1) Zachariah Bicknell of Braintree, Mass., who d. April 29, 1815; m. (2) Orin Amidon of Braintree.

3, *John*, 3d, b. September 2, 1793; m. in Granville, September 2, 1816, Charlotte Lamb, who was b. in Spencer, Mass., August 26, 1792; lived in Braintree till 1830, then moved to Granville; d.; children: 1, Charles L., b. June 30, 1817; m. January 26, 1843, Sarah V. Flint; lived in Granville; d. 2, William L., b. September 25, 1818; never married; lived in Granville. 3, Hannah E., b. July 25, 1820; m. September 12, 1842, Albert H. Flint. 4, Leonora L., b. December 4, 1822; m. May 1, 1851, Lyman E. Jewett of Granville, and lives there. 5, Charlotte Jane, b. May 1, 1825; m. September 28, 1845, Francis B. Dimick and lives in Granville. 6, John Allen, b. March 8, 1827; m. January 25, 1853, Julia E. Flint; resides in Granville. 7, Augustus Flint, b. March 5, 1829; m. June 9, 1855, Sarah E. Russell. 8, George W., b. in Granville, December 3, 1832. 9, Henry Church, b. in Granville, January 27, 1835; m. May 5, 1861, Mary DeEtt Lamb of Granville; moved from Granville to Braintree in February, 1882; children: (1), Alice Mabel, b. February 3, 1864. (2), Emma Mary, b. May 5, 1867. 10, Albert Flint, b. May 27, 1839.

4, *Elizabeth*, b. November 11, 1795; m. (1) December 5, 1816, Eliphalet Flint; m. (2) November 12, 1843, Eli Church, who was b. in Willington, Conn., November 11, 1783; lived in Norwich.

5, *Nancy*, b. November 23, 1798; m. October 29, 1813, Augustus Flint; d. April 13, 1847.

6, *Samuel*, b. September 30, 1799; m. September 7, 1820, Martha Flint; moved to Bristol in 1824; d. February 25, 1826; children: 1, Samuel, Jr., b. March 5, 1821; m. May 13, 1832. 2, Zophar, b. July 5, 1822; m. June 27, 1847, Melissa I. Harding; lived in Royalton. 3, Harvey Lyon, b. September 13, 1823; m. June 13, 1850, Clara F. Stevens; lived in Royalton. 4, Althera Martha, b. November 9, 1824; m. October 13, 1846, Philander C. House of Stockholm, N. Y.; resides at East Bethel.

7, *Benjamin*, b. October 12, 1802; m. December 4, 1828, Eliza Grinnell of Conn., who was b. May 19, 1807; moved in 1831 to Bristol.

#### VOSE.

GILMAN VOSE, b. in Bridgewater; m. June 17, 1828, Olive Nichols; settled in Braintree about 1831; went to Geneva, Wis.; d. at Oglesby, Ill., August 28, 1874, aged 71; children:

1, *Olive*, b. in Stockbridge, February, 1830; m. (1) John L. Seymour of Rutland, who d. in 1858; settled in Geneva, Wis.; m. (2) in 1861, John Haskins of Geneva; d. October 2, 1876.

2, *Jeremiah Earls*, b. March, 1832; d. in California, in February, 1855.

3, *Betsey*, b. June 17, 1834; m. Benjamin Seymour of Rutland, and settle in Geneva, Wis.; now in York Co., Neb.

4, *Georgiana*, b. February 8, 1836; m. Thomas Adams of Geneva, Wis., and settled in Faribault, Minn.

5, *Susan Rebecca*, b. October 17, 1838; m. John Q. Beardsley of Walcott, Minn.; d. aged 34.

6, *Sarah*, b. September 13, 1841; m. Carleton Sanford of Faribault, Minn., and resides there.

#### WAITE.

DANIEL WAITE, b. in Ipswich, Mass., December 25, 1767; moved to Braintree in 1788 or 1789; m. January, 1796, Sally Kidder, who d. October 4, 1849; he d. September 2, 1862; children:

1, *Sally*, b. October 29, 1796; m. John Herrick of Randolph, and resided in that town; d. March 7, 1866.

2, *Daniel, Jr.*, b. October 2, 1798; m. January 1, 1827, Mercy Cobb of Woodstock; resided on the farm now owned by L. K. Fisher till 1839, when he went to Western New York, and subsequently to Sycamore, Ill., where he survives his wife; nine children.

3, *Sarepta*, b. December 8, 1802; m. July 16, 1821, Lyman Burnham of Windsor; he was a blacksmith at Peth several years, also carried on a potash factory and other things; then moved to Western New York, where she now lives an invalid widow.

4, *John*, b. February 8, 1805; m. January 1, 1829, Mary Brown of Randolph, who d. January 11, 1882, aged 72 years 7 months; since 1865 has resided at West Randolph; children: 1, John Selvy, b. May 8, 1829; d. May 20, 1852. 2, Mary Orinda, b. November 27, 1830; m. August 6, 1850, Clarence M. Sanderson of West Randolph; subsequently went to Malden, Mass., where she d. October 4, 1864. 3, Augusta Serepta, b. August 18, 1836; m. May 27, 1856, T. U. Flanner, M. D., of Hancock, Mich., and resides there. 4, Hannah Pratt (adopted), b. January, 1845; m. January 1, 1872, Jasper H. Lamson of West Randolph, and resides there.

5, *Tyler Kidder*, b. November 2, 1812; d. November 5, 1815.

6, *Phylenda C.*, b. January 21, 1821; m. May 3, 1842, Azro D. Lamson of Randolph; he engaged in mercantile business at Snowville for a number of years, then went to Malden, Mass., where she d. May 21, 1867.

#### WAKEFIELD.

ASAHEL WAKEFIELD, m. December 6, 1792, Sally Byam; children (so far as known):

1, *James*, m. December 14, 1820, Lucy Willington; lived in Braintree about fifteen years; d. in Michigan in 1879, aged about 80; children: 1, George W., m. Clara Fisk; residence, West Brookfield. 2, Luther, now in Northfield. 3,

Calvin, 4, Jefferson, and 5, Dana, died in the army. 6, Matilda, 7, Mary, 8, Augusta, 9, Jasper, and 10, Justin, reside in Michigan.

2, *Reuben*, m. Olive (Chase) Richardson; lived in Randolph.

#### WARNER.

LUTHER WARNER was born in Swanzy, N. H.; moved thence to Putney, Vt., where he learned and practiced his trade as a blacksmith. From Putney he moved to Williamstown where he remained a short time, and then moved to Braintree and lived there (with the exception of a short time in Roxbury) till he died in 1849. His ancestry came from Connecticut and were near relatives to Col. Seth Warner of the New Hampshire Grants. He married in Putney, Patience Scott, by whom he had six children:

1, *Laura S.* m. Gurdon Randall; now dead.

2, *Calista M.*, who lived and died in Braintree.

3, *James M.*, b. July 4, 1810; m. Lucy B. Morris, who d. January 3, 1871, aged 59; he d. October 23, 1368; children: 1, James Alonzo, b. September 13, 1835; d. January 14, 1870. 2, Joel M., b. April 17, 1838; d. August 19, 1839. 3, Caroline M., b. May 9, 1841; d. July 21, 1852.

4, *Luther J.*, m. February 4, 1838, Phebe Wood; now dead.

5, *Philenda*, and 6, *Susan*; both dead.

#### WATSON.

ENOCH WATSON, b. in England, March 7, 1814; came to America in 1821; m. 1832, Elizabeth Joslyn of Highgate; moved to Braintree from Swanton in 1871, and to Royalton in 1879. Of five children, three have resided in Braintree:

1, *Melvin*, b. in Swanton, August 9, 1834; m. (1) December 25, 1858, Lucinda Battles; m. (2) November 6, 1875, Mrs Betsey (Pratt) Thurstin; one child: Ella Frances, b. November 16, 1860; m. February 15, 1881, Perry Smith of West Haven, and lives there.

2, *Riley*, b. in Swanton, about 1838; m. May 21, 1864, Mrs. Lucetta Dickerson; lived in Braintree much of the time since 1860, now in Granville; children: Minnie, Merton and Winnie.

3, *Lester*, b. in Swanton, March 22, 1843; m. November 4, 1875, S. Imogene Flint; children: 1, Ethel Maud, b. June 16, 1877. 2, Stella Cecil, b. March 5, 1880.

#### WEBB.

LUCIUS WEBB, b. in Homer, N. Y., July 17, 1816; m. July 2, 1840, Sophia Dunham of Sandisfield, Mass.; children:

1, *Lucia Jane*, b. May 2, 1843; m. November 28, 1865, Theodore B. Kendall.

2, *Charles Aden*, b. November 20, 1845; m. September 1, 1878, Luella Willey of Northfield, and resides there.

3, *Lucius, Jr.*, b. April 27, 1847; m. April 10, 1872, Emogene R. Fuller of Northfield; lives at East Granville.

4, *Love Amelia*, b. July 29, 1850; m. May 3, 1871, Alden Braley of Northfield; lives in Crookston, Minn.

5, *Fannie Laurenda*, b. September 2, 1855; m. November 18, 1880, Charles L. Vinton of Granville; lives at East Granville.

## WEBSTER.

ALFRED WEBSTER, b. in Roxbury, January 6, 1798; m. December 2, 1824, Lydia Harwood; removed from Brookfield to Braintree in 1839; d. February 3, 1843; children:

1, *Lydia Jane*, b. in Roxbury, August 11, 1825; d. unmarried, March 17, 1869.

2, *Mary Harwood*, b. in Roxbury, February 12, 1827; m. January 11, 1844, Stephen Shepard of Bethel; lived in Rochester and Michigan; now in Braintree; a widow.

3, *Lucena Blodgett*, b. in Roxbury, May 31, 1829; m. September 24, 1848, Nelson Martin of Randolph, and lived there; d. May 16, 1849.

4, *Ruth E.*, b. in Roxbury, November 3, 1831; d. June 22, 1837.

5, *Alfred, Jr.*, b. in Brookfield, December 10, 1837; m. May 20, 1862, Harriet E. Rumrill, formerly of Wilmington, N. Y., who was b. July 4, 1837, and d. March 31, 1882—a sister to Martin B.; children: 1, Clarence Alfred, b. March 24, 1863. 2, Hattie Ruth, b. July 16, 1865. 3, Nettie Julia, b. March 3, 1870. 4, Fred Grant, b. July 21, 1872.

6, *Ruth Victoria*, b. March 25, 1841; m. September 18, 1860, Alvin N. Angell; dead.

## WELD.

SAMUEL WELD, bought lot 36-3, February 9, 1798; he also owned 12-3 in "Murry Hollow" about that time, which he sold, March 30, 1803, and April 3, 1804, bought 31-1, the "Berry lot." He m. Sally Hayden, probably a sister to the Haydens who were among the original proprietors from Braintree, Mass.; children:

1, *Abigail*, b. in Hartland, November 23, 1794; m. March 18, 1813, Phineas Flint, Jr.; d.

2, *George*, b. in Randolph, September 8, 1796.

3, *Laura*, b. October 12, 1799.

4, *Ludovicus*, b. January 7, 1802.

5, *Ann Elizabeth*.

6, *Sarah*, m. March 18, 1829, Myron Tracy of Claridon, O.

7, *Allen Hayden*, b. September 7, 1809; m. 1837, Harriet Wood of Lebanon, N. H., d. at River Falls, Wis., October 18, 1882.

8, *Elias*, resides at Buckston, Me.

## WELLS.

THOMAS WELLS, b. in Westminster, May 19, 1783; m. April 1, 1813, Rebecca Johnson, who was b. in Putney, April 5, 1786; came to Braintree in March, 1836, and settled where Joshua Wells now lives; d.; children:

1, *Joshua*, b. February 5, 1815; m. April 13, 1853, Susan Bruce, formerly of New York, who was b. February 21, 1835, and d. December, 1882; children: 1, Sarah, b. October 9, 1854; d. October 7, 1863. 2, Martha Maria, b. January 13, 1857; m. September 9, 1877, Francis E. Copeland. 3, Minnie E., b. October 12, 1860; m. May 12, 1883, Arthur W. Burrage. 4, George W., b. June 8, 1861.



2, *Angeline Anna*, b. in Brookline, June 24, 1816; m. March 21, 1838, James R. Howard; d. October 3, 1855.

3, *Emery*, b. April 17, 1818; m. (1) March 7, 1845, Susan Spafford; m. (2) August 15, 1854, Mrs. Harriet (Howe) Brewster; d. September 6, 1874; children: 1, Susie, b. October 17, 1857; m. April 17, 1874, Joseph Sault; children: (1), Carlie Emery (Sault), b. August 24, 1875. (2), Arthur Ellis (Sault), b. September 23, 1878.

4, *William*, b. April 17, 1827; not married; lives in Sibley, Iowa.

5, *Laura A.*, b. September 13, 1828; m. September 30, 1852, Charles O. Durkee of Stockbridge, and lives there.

GEORGE A. WELLS, b. in Middlesex, February 7, 1836; m. March 21, 1858, Charlotte Ellen Spear; came to Braintree in 1854, where he has since lived, except about 11 years in Alburgh, and California; children:

1, *Sadie May* (adopted), b. in Granville, March 25, 1871.

2, *Maud Jennette*, b. July 17, 1879.

### WHITE.

MICAH WHITE, son of Deacon Samuel and Hannah White, b. in South Weymouth, Mass., December 16, 1721; m. September 10, 1746, Susanna Eager; d. in Titticut, Mass., about 1802; four of his children lived in Braintree:

1, *Susanna*, b. 1750; m. Elijah French; d. September 26, 1841.

2, *Ebenezer*, b. in Randolph, Mass., March 3, 1755; served in the Revolutionary war, and was a prisoner some time in Halifax jail; m. January 23, 1793, Lucretia Partridge, at Keene, N. H.; came to Braintree in 1786-7; d. May 11, 1823; children: 1, Lewis, b. September 3, 1795; m. Sally Wheatley; d. 1878. 2, Bathsheba, b. April 9, 1768; m. November 12, 1818, John Curtis. 3, Polly, b. March 15, 1800; m. December 19, 1822, Salmon Edson of Brookfield; d. October 10, 1835. 4, Samuel, b. December 23, 1802; m. May 5, 1825, Betsey Craig, who was b. in Rumney, N. H., May 17, 1805, and d. at St. Paul, Minn., August 23, 1873; moved to St. Paul in May, 1871; d. in Lu Verne, Minn., May 18, 1879; children: (1), Son, b. and d. September 20, 1827. (2), Dana, b. October 3, 1828; m. (1) April 28, 1858, at St. Paul, Minn., Marion J. Kidder; m. (2) January 27, 1873, Annie Hicks; resided at St. Paul; now in government service at Washington, D. C. (3), Warren Ebenezer, b. November 5, 1830; m. (1) October 24, 1859, at Minneapolis, Minn., Lizzie J. Brockett, who d. at Pittsburg, Penn., April 5, 1863; m. (2) December 24, 1865, at Harmony, Penn., Mrs. Eliza B. (Wilson) Russ, who d. at Randolph, February 8, 1867; m. (3) May 14, 1871, Celia M. Bass; m. (4) June 5, 1873, at Fox Lake, Wis., Cloie J. Cady, formerly of West Randolph; furniture merchant at Villisca, Iowa. (4), Charles Stephen, b. August 13, 1832; m. in 1858, at River Falls, Wis., Rhécardô Sherburne; resides at Fisher's Landing, Minn. (5), Betsey Elmirâ, b. July 12, and d. September 20, 1835. (6), Ellen Elizabeth, b. October 31, 1837; m. July 12, 1875, George L. Sampson; resides at Redwood City, Cal. (7), Mary Julia, b. December 1, 1840; m. February 28, 1871, John E. Skadan of Clarinda, Iowa; resides in Malvern, Iowa. (8), Emily Lula, b. August 20, 1843; m. June 3, 1873, George B. Best at St. Paul, Minn.; resides in Bayfield, Wis. 5, Anna, twin to Samuel, m. September 18, 1821, Samuel Pratt; d. at River Falls, Wis., 1880. 6, Betsey, b. May 5,

1805; m. May 4, 1825, William Nichols. 7, Emily, b. July 26, 1807; m. March 23, 1831, Henry Hatch of Woodstock, and resides there.

3, *Hannah*, b. January 13, 1761; m. December 19, 1793, Isaac Nichols, Jr.; d. October 16, 1843.

4, *Rebecca*, b. in Braintree, Mass., May 30, 1766; m. December 12, 1805, Willard Copeland; d. in Randolph, August 1, 1856.

#### WHITING.

OZIAS WHITING came from Mass. about 1810; m. Mary Billings; children residents of Braintree.

1, *Mary*, b. in Hingham, Mass., 1788; m. March 22, 1810, Seth Bass; d. May 24, 1859.

2, *Persis*, b. December 4, 1793; m. (1) May 8, 1814, Samuel C. Copeland; m. (2) October 27, 1836, Abial Smith of Randolph, Mass.; d. March 8, 1873.

3, *Ruby*, b. in Milton, Mass., December 24, 1798; m. August 9, 1829, Isaac Pratt; d. March 4, 1868.

SALLY WHITING m. November 10, 1808, Daniel Flint.

#### WHITNEY.

FREDERICK WHITNEY, b. in Brookfield, August 16, 1816; m. May 3, 1842, Mary Harwood; children:

1, *Mary Elizabeth*, b. July 4, 1846; m. October 22, 1877, Henry W. Webster of Roxbury, and lives there.

2, *Ira Eugene*, b. July 2, 1848; m. May 5, 1875, Alice Richardson, formerly of Roxbury, and settled there.

3, *Willis*, b. October 26, 1863.

#### WILLIAMS.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, b. in Northfield, November 25, 1807; m. April 13, 1831, Julia Spear; came to Braintree about 1830, and removed thence to Roxbury five or six years after; d. in Brookfield, January 31, 1867; children:

1, *Mary*, b. May 7, 1832; m. May 16, 1852, Daniel V. Page.

2, *Julia Minora*, b. September 23, 1833; d. September 3, 1854.

3, *George Lewis*, b. March 31, 1835; m. Mary Jane Dewey of Northfield; both now dead.

4, *Harriet Ellen*, b. September 4, 1836; d. March 11, 1839.

5, *Ira*, b. September 18, 1838; m. Ellen Phelps of Boston, Mass., and resides in West Brookfield.

6, *Salmon*, b. April 4, 1840; m. Lucy Downen of Saratoga, N. Y.; lives in Roxbury.

7, *Emily Minerva*, b. March 30, 1842; m. C. E. Powers of Randolph; d. October 7, 1864.

8, *Clarissa*, b. May 19, 1844; m. Byron B. Brown of Williston, and lived there; d. 1878.

9, *Alvin Flint*, b. August 11, 1846; d. June 3, 1864.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS, b. in Strafford, February 3, 1822; moved to Braintree in 1850; m. September 19, 1844, Elizabeth B. Holman; children:

1, *John Theodore*, b. Northfield, April 27, 1846; m. August 7, 1869, *Laura A. Marsh* of Bethel; children: 1, *Charles Anson*, b. August 25, 1870. 2, *Jehiel Frantz*, b. January 26, 1873.

2, *Jehiel Huntington*, b. in Randolph, August 19, 1848; m. December 9, 1871, *Julia Lewis* of Middlesex, who was b. April 5, 1854; children: 1, *Celia Elizabeth*, b. December 14, 1875. 2, *Frank Arthur*, b. October 27, 1879. 3, *John Albert*, b. May 8, 1881.

3, *Henry Frantz*, b. June 11, 1851; d. January 1, 1852.

4, *Celia Mabel*, b. November 9, 1855; d. March 7, 1858.

**JEDEDIAH H. WILLIAMS**, brother to John, b. in Sharon, February 8, 1824; m. (1) *Mary Jane Marshall* of Stowe, who d. September 25, 1856; m. (2) August 25, 1861, *Harriet C. Brackett*; children:

1, *Clara Mabel*, b. September 24, 1862.

2, *Luna May* b. November 3, 1866.

3, *Son*, b. September 23, and d. September 24, 1873.

#### WILLINGTON.

**JOSIAH WILLINGTON** came from Worcester, Mass.; m. *Polly Hutchinson*; d. in 1817; carpenter; children:

1, *David*, b. April 8, 1803; m. *Florilla Woodward* of Roxbury; d. in Brookfield, 1879.

2, *Ashley*, went to Western New York.

3, *Luther*, went West when 21; m. in Ohio; d. at Lenox, Mich., in 1839.

4, *Lucy*, m. December 14, 1820, *James Wakefield*; d. in 1881, aged about 80, in Saginaw, Mich.

5, *Polly*, went to Darien, N. Y., in 1825; there m. — [Morgan; was one of the Indiana pioneers; d. in 1842.

6, *Sylvester Levi*, b. in 1813; shoemaker at Northfield.

7, *Amos Hubbard*, b. March 24, 1815; resides in Lebanon, N. H.

#### WOODWARD.

**CHARLES ERASTUS WOODWARD**, b. in Roxbury, March 15, 1835; has resided in Braintree since March 26, 1851; m. March 26, 1857, *Mary E. Flint*, and lives on the *Elisha Mann* farm; children:

1, *Olivia Mary*, b. April 30, 1858.

2, *Anna Elvira*, b. March 26, 1860.

3, *Charles Elizar*, b. July 4, 1862.

4, *Johnnie Rufus*, b. September 2, 1865.

5, *Ida Abigail*, b. April 4, 1868.

6, *Izza Amelia*, b. August 14, 1872.

7, *Flora Emma*, b. October 28, 1878.

#### YOUNG.

**WINTHROP YOUNG** came from Massachusetts about 1830, then about 24 years old; m. January 10, 1832, *Annis Butterfield*; children:

1, *Annis Jane*, b. September 27, 1832; m. (1) *Eastman Gee* of Canada, and lived in Bethel; m. (2) — *Bean*; resides in Granville.

2, *John Galeon*, b. in Brookfield, July 14, 1833; d. aged 10 months.

3, *Son*, b. July 1, 1834; d. an infant.

4, *Samuel Butterfield*, b. in Roxbury, February 7, 1837; m. April 13, 1856, Fanny E. Turner of Rochester; lives in Brookfield.

5, *Adelia Betsey*, b. in Roxbury, April 10, 1839; m. Deunis W. Rogers of Bethel; lived and died there.

6, *George LeRoy*, b. in Roxbury, April 18, 1841; m. Eliza Culver of Northfield; resides in Ripton.

7, *William P.*, b. in Brookfield, May 26, 1843; m. Mattie Spooner of Bethel, and lives there.

8, *Sarah A.*, b. July 12, 1845; m. Dennis W. Rogers; lives in Rahdolph.

9, *Frederick N.*, b. August 8, 1847; m. Lizzie Hunter of Royalton; lives in Bethel.

10, *Caroline L.*, b. August 13, 1849; m. Jerry Rich of Bethel; lives in Kansas.

11, *Sadora Milesen*, b. September 12, 1852; m. James Bride of Rochester; went to Illinois; both dead.

12, *Judson J.*, d. suddenly at Still River, Mass.; aged about 24.

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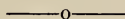
## ERRATA.

Page 154, (under JOHN), *James* m. 2nd, Mrs. Julia (Brown) Cady.

Page 151, Polly, wife of Enos Bolton, d. November 24, 1883.



# LONGEVITY RECORD.



A list of those who have lived and died in Braintree, of the age of seventy years or more:

NAME.	AGE.
Abbott, Ebenezer.....	75
Adams, David.....	78
Adams, Clarissa H. (Pendleton).....	74
Allen, Isaac.....	86
Bailey, Jacob ..	73
Bailey, Tryphena (Mann).....	83
Bass, Dea. Samuel.....	92½
Bass, Elizabeth (Brackett).....	78
Bass, William.....	87
Bass, Abigail (Neff). ....	.97 yrs. 10 mos. 20 d.
Bass, Moses.....	77
Bass, Mehitabel (Herrick).....	86
Bass, Samuel, Jr.....	73½
Bass, Peter.....	89
Bass, Seth.....	80
Bass, Mary (Whiting).....	71
Bass, Hiram.....	83
Bass, Nancy (Battles)...	
Bass, Edward.....	70
Bass, Bathsheba (Keith).....	89
Bass, Polly (Wales).....	85
Bass, Jonathan.....	81
Battles, Curtis.....	78
Battles, Susan (Bates).....	88
Battles, James Bates.....	84
Battles, Beriah.....	76½
Battles, Betsey (Hunt).....	71
Bill, Rebecca (wife of Roswell).....	74
Blanchard, Barnard.....	83
Blanchard, Sally (Holman).....	79½
Bolton, Sylvanus.....	77
Bolton, Persis (Fisk).....	78
Bolton, Enos.....	.81 yrs. 8 mos.
Bolton, Polly (Howard).....	89
Brackett, Henry.....	78
Brackett, Eliphal (Burgess). . .	77
Brackett, Clara (Ford).....	77
Bradley, Hope, Sr.....	99
Brown, Mary (Battles).....	75
Bryant, Michael..	89
Bryant, Mary W.....	77
Burridge, Jacob.....	79
Burridge, Sally (Spear).....	72
Chase, Caleb.....	83½
Chase, Lucy (Byam).....	83½
Clark, Polly (Spear).....	86
Clark, Dinah (wife of Stephen).....	78
Cleveland, Dorothea (Lamb).....	71
Cleveland, Sarah (Chase).....	76
Cleverly, Royal.....	78½

NAME.	AGE.
Cleverly, Rhoda (Parker).....	71
Coburn, Nathan.....	81
Coburn, Phebe.....	86
Copeland, Zion.....	85
Copeland, Polly (Harwood).....	73
Craig, Dr. Samuel.....	84
Craig, Mary (wife of Alex.).....	85
Cram, Jesse Kemp.....	74
Curtis, Simeon.....	72
Cushman, Artemas.....	83
Davis, Orange.....	72
Dyer, Ichabod.....	91
Ferry, Lovina (Martin).....	78 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ferry, Solomon.....	71 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ferry, Lovina (Flint).....	79
Ferry, Eunice.....	78 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fitts, Artemus.....	89
Fitts, Sally (Bates).....	80
Fitts, Nancy.....	74 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fitts, Amos.....	82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flint, Asahel.....	90
Flint, Sally (Parish).....	84
Flint, Jonathan.....	91
Flint, Mary (Amidon).....	78
Flint, Elisha.....	89
Flint, Joseph.....	91
Flint, Anna (Bass).....	91
Flint, Augustus.....	79
Flint, Maria (Lyon).....	83
Flint, Daniel.....	81
Flint, Nathaniel.....	77
Flint, William.....	81
Flint, William, Jr.....	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flint, Anna (Thomas).....	81
Flint, Hovey.....	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flint, Hannah (Fitts).....	71
Flint, Mary (Hovey).....	81
Ford, Elisha.....	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ford, Asenath (Spear).....	75
Ford, Betsey (Parnly).....	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ford, Micah.....	87
Ford, Washington.....	73
French, Susannah (White).....	90
Fuller, Stephen.....	
Fuller, Lydia (Putnam).....	88
Gonyo, Mary.....	85
Gooch, Joseph, 3d.....	73
Gooch, Judith (Bradley).....	79
Gooch, Rebecca (Wood).....	98 yrs. 5 mos. 20 d.
Gooch, John.....	96 yrs. 9 mos. 8 d.
Gooch, Abigail (Bradley).....	79 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gooch, Sarah (Kelley).....	80
Gooch, Mary (Smith).....	77
Gooch, Martin B.....	77
Harwood, Samuel.....	87
Harwood, Lydia (Kenney).....	76
Harwood, Samuel, Jr.....	92
Harwood, Elizabeth (Bass).....	90 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hayden, Sarah.....	81
Holman, Solomon.....	96 $\frac{1}{2}$
Holman, Sally (Mann).....	78
Holman, Leonard.....	80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Howard, Abial.....	88 $\frac{1}{2}$
Howard, Polly (Mann).....	81
Howard, Meletiah C.....	72
Howard, Betsey (Knapp).....	82 $\frac{1}{2}$

NAME.	AGE.
Howard, Whitman.....	75
Howard, Maryett.....	90
Howe, Kara.....	74
Howe, Asa.....	70
Howe, Hannah W.....	75
Howe, Stewart.....	71
Hudson, James Ogden....	75½
Hudson, Abiah (Pratt)....	77
Huntington, Jehiel.....	71
Huntington, Lydia (Parmly).....	71
Hutchinson, Nathaniel, Jr.....	85
Hutchinson, Nancy (Kenney).....	75½
Hutchinson, John.....	79½
Hutchinson, Lucy (Kenney).....	97
Hutchinson, Lot.....	76½
Hutchinson, Eunice (Moulton).....	79½
Hutchinson, Abigail (Brackett).....	75
Kenney, Nahum.....	77
Kenney, Mrs. Nahum.....	78
Kidder, John.....	76
Kidder, Sarah (Dodge).....	74
Killam, Benjamin.....	
Killam, Amelia (Kemp).....	98 yrs. 3 mos. 16 d.
Lamb, Amos.....	87
Lamb, Samuel.....	72½
Linfield, Appleton.....	76½
Loomis, Jonah.....	74
Lothrop, Matilda (Fuller).....	86
Luce, Stephen.....	73
Lyon, Alvin.....	70
Lyon, Thirza (Poola).....	71
Lyon, Betsey (Mann).....	73
Lyon, Sarah E. (French).....	88
Mann, Seth.....	75
Mann, Deborah D.....	90
Marsh, James.....	81
Morse, Almira (Thomas).....	82
Nichols, Isaac.....	85
Nichols, Dorcas (Sibley).....	104 yrs. 9 mos. 20 d.
Nichols, Isaac, Jr.....	90
Nichols, Hannah (White).....	83
Nichols, Abner.....	86
Nichols, Samson.....	70
Nichols, William, 2d.....	79
Nichols, Rev. Ammi.....	92
Nichols, Eunice (Bill).....	82
Nichols, Deborah S. (Holman).....	72
Nichols, William.....	84
Nutting, Joel.....	84
Nutting, Sally (Burrage).....	78
Parmly, Eunice (Hendee).....	79
Partridge, David.....	85
Partridge, Polly (Riford).....	77
Pratt, Isaac.....	74
Pratt, Enoch.....	82
Pratt, Deborah (McAllister).....	8-
Riford, Samuel.....	74
Riford, Betsey (Ford).....	74½
Riford, Rachel (Mann).....	76
Riford, Hannah.....	87
Riford, Keziah (Fitts).....	82
Smith, David.....	83
Smith, Mary (Sebra).....	84
Snow, Jeremiah.....	81
Snow, Cynthia.....	83
Spear, Lucy A. (Cram).....	71½

NAME.	AGE.
Spear, Stephen.....	82
Spear, Mary (Thayer).....	77½
Spear, Polly (Clark).....	86
Spear, Nathaniel.....	75½
Spear, Keziah (Stephens).....	92½
Spear, Nathaniel, Jr.....	81
Spear, Jacob.....	79½
Spear, Arunah.....	78
Spear, Joseph.....	71
Steele, Polly (Curtis)....	82
Sumner, Samuel C.....	74
Thayer, Abel.....	77
Tilson, Josiah.....	84
Tilson, Rhoda (Barr)...	80
Tilson, Jarvis.....	74
Trask, Pardon.....	75
Waite, Daniel.....	94
Warner, Phebe.....	75



# SKETCH OF AUTHOR.

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H. ROYCE BASS, son of Henry and Mary B. (Cady) Bass, was born in Braintree, September 1, 1848. Most of his life until twenty-five years of age was spent upon his father's farm, but his ambition was never satisfied with so small a field for action. From a child he was possessed of a thirst for knowledge and a deep delight in study, and his life proved the child "father to the man." In '65 he began to attend the State Normal School located at Randolph, spent several terms there, also several in the West Randolph Graded School, but not completing the course of study at either. Having a love for journalism, in the spring of '71 he entered the employ of the editor of the *Argus and Patriot*, published at Montpelier, where he continued one year writing much for that paper, as well as several others, during that year and the two or three succeeding ones. He formed the determination to put himself through college, and in pursuance of his plan, studied Latin in the summer of '73, and in the autumn of the same year entered the preparatory course of Oberlin (O.) College. He taught school and canvassed for different articles during his course of study to defray his expenses as far as possible. He finished this college course in June, '79, with high honors as one of the class leaders. His testimonials from the Professors unite in referring to him as "a young man of the highest ability and sterling worth."

In the fall of '79 he returned to Oberlin, and entered the Theological Seminary at that place, intending to take a full course, but was forced to leave it at the end of a year on account of having a terrible fit of sickness, from which he never fully recovered. He returned to Braintree and regained a sufficient degree of health to permit him to teach district and select schools, and enter upon his last work, this history of Braintree.

In January, '83 he assumed the duties of teacher of mathematics in the Randolph State Normal School, but his ill health compelled him to abandon it in June. The first of July he crossed the continent with the hope of receiving benefit from the far famed California climate, but was thwarted in this as in so many other aims. Six weeks after his arrival at that place he was attacked with pneumonia, and for weeks was considered to be in a dying condition. To the surprise of physicians he became strong enough to return East as far as Iowa, where he died at his brother's, April 1, 1884. He married Carrie L. Simmons, formerly of Royalton, October 4, 1883.

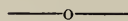
As a man he was a deep thinker, earnest in all that he undertook, unyielding when fighting evil, severely just, yet by nature kindly and sunny. Only a fine grained, pure souled Christian man could have exerted the influence and left the reputation he has. Truly, for him "to live was Christ, and to die was gain."

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My husband, dying, left some work for me to do on the History, and much correcting. Many faulty statements, perhaps, will be found in the work in consequence, which he would have been able to prevent.

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